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1907.				
7th Dec.	MARMORA	10509		
14th "	PENINSULAR	5294	HIMALAYA	6898
21st "	ARABIA	7903		
28th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	9500
1908.				
4th Jan.	PERSIA	7951		
11th "	ORIENTAL	5284	INDIA	7911
18th "	OCEANA	6610		
25th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9505
1st Feb.	EGYPT	7912		
8th "	CALEDONIA	7558	VICTORIA	6822
15th "	ORIENTAL	5284		
22nd "	MACEDONIA	10512		
29th "	ARCADIA	6603		
7th Mar.	CALEDONIA	7558	BRITANNIA	6525
14th "	ARABIA	7903		
21st "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOOLTAN	9621
28th "	PERSIA	7951		
4th Apr.	MARMORA	10509		
11th "	EGYPT	7912		
18th "	CALEDONIA	7558	MOLDAVIA	9500
25th "	MACEDONIA	10512		
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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT COWASJI PATEL ST., FORT.

Under instructions from Bai Hirabai, widow of Dinshawji Sorabji Bhaya and Mr. Pestonji Byramji Lala, the present trustees of a deed of trust made on the 10th July, 1882, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 4th December, 1907, at 4-30 p.m. (S T.), the following valuable landed property on their premises.

PARTICULARS.

All that piece or parcel of quit and ground rent land or ground situate at or near Cowasji Patel Street in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement one hundred and seventeen square yards or thereabouts, registered in the name of Jervan Jawas Patell in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue for quit and ground rent under Old No. 234 and under New No. 5098 and under Old Survey Nos. 371 and 372 and under New Survey No. 9003, and secondly, all that piece or parcel of fazendari land containing by admeasurement twenty-two square yards and five-ninths of a square yard or thereabouts, and of which one Crustna Maocondji Sett is the fazendar, and which piece of land adjoins the land firstly hereinbefore described, together with measuage, tenement standing partly on the said piece of land firstly hereinbefore described, and partly on the said piece of land secondly hereinbefore described, and which said messuage was formerly assessed by the Collector of House Assessment under No. 23 and now under No. 28, and which said premises are bounded as follows:—On or towards the North by the property formerly of Merwanjee Maneckjee Heerjee Wadya and now of Edaljee Hirjeebhoy Sassoona, on the East by the said Cowasjee Patel Street, on the West and South by the property of Pestonjee Bhicoajee, and which said premises are situate within the registratian sub-district of Fort and Colaba, and which said premises were formerly in the occupation of the said Sorabjee Ruttonjee Bhaya and of his tenants, and now of the tenants of Heerabai, widow of Dinsha Sorabji Bhaya, and Pestonji Byramjee Lala. The trustees appointed by a deed of trust, dated 10th July, 1882.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Bicknell Merwanjee and Romer, attorneys for the present trustees, at their Office No. 14, K. Hummum Street, Fort, or to the Undersigned.

UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPITALISTS AND INVESTORS.

Sale of valuable Immoveable Properties at Kalbadevi Road, Kolebhat Street and Kolebhat Lane.

High Court, Bombay.
O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 579 of 1903.
Hurjiwan Virji and others.......................Plaintiffs.
vs
Runchordas Cullianji and others............Defendants

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, by order of Messrs. Hurjiwan Virji, Runchordas Cullianji, Pragjee Cullianjee and Lakmidas Bhimjee, the Special Commissioners appointed by the Decretal Order, made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Suit No. 579 of 1903 and pursuant to the directions contained in the said Decretal Order put up for sale by Public Auction on the premises the undermentioned properties in the following lots approximately, on the days and at the times mentioned hereunder, unless the same have been previously disposed of by private contract.

PARTICULARS OF THE PROPERTIES.

Lot A.

Sale on TUESDAY, the 10th day of December, 1907, at 4 p.m. (S. T.)

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, buildings and premises standing thereon situate at Kalbadevi Road which said buildings and premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Ward Nos. 1810, 1811, 3073, 3077-79 and Street Nos. 102-104, 3a, 7-9 and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of Hurjiwan Virji and Ranchordas Cullianji as representing Plaintiffs and Defendants Nos. 1-6 in the above suit and the said piece of land and ground contains by admeasurement 1331-54 square yards or thereabouts and is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue together with other land hereinafter described and comprised in lots B, C, and D under No. 461 of Pension and Tax Assessments and the said premises are situate in the Registration Sub-District formerly of Bhooleshwar but now of Bombay and are bounded as follows, on or towards the North by the property formerly of Mowji Premji and now of Vallubhdas Jamnadas, on or towards the South partly by the property of Naranji Purmanand and partly by Kolbhat Lane, on or towards the East by the Kalbadevi Road and on or towards the West by the property comprised in lot B.

LOT B.

Sale on TUESDAY, the 17th of December 1907, at 4 p.m. (S.T.).

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, buildings and premises standing thereon situate near Kalbadevi Road which said buildings and premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Ward Nos. 3071, 3071, 3072-73, 3074-75, 3075 and Street Nos. 1, 1 a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5 a and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of Hurjiwan Virji and Ranchordas Cullianji as representing the Plaintiffs and the Defendants Nos. 1-6 in the above suit and the said piece of land or ground contains by admeasurement 963 70 square yards or thereabouts and is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue together with other land described in these particulars and comprised in lots A, C, and D under No. 461 of Pension and Tax. Assessment and the said premises are situate in the Registration Sub-District formerly of Bhooleshwar but now of Bombay and are bounded as follows: on or towards the North by the property formerly belonging to Mowji Premji and now of Vallabhdas Jamnadas, on or towards the South by Kolbhat Lane, on or towards the East by the property comprised in lot A, and on or towards the West by the property comprised in lot C.

LOT. C.

Sale on TUESDAY, the 24th Day of December, 1907 at 4 p.m. (S.T.)

All that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuages, buildings and premises standing thereon situate near Kalbadevi, Parel Road, which said buildings and premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Ward No. 3076 and Street No. 6 and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the tenants of Hurjiwan Virji and Ranchordas Cullianji as representing the Plaintiffs and the Defendants Nos. 1-6 in the above suit and the said piece of land or ground contains by admeasurement 545-55 square yards or thereabouts and is assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue together with other land described in these particulars and comprised in lots A, B, and D under No. 461 of Pension and Tax Assessment and the said buildings and premises are situate in the Registration Sub-District formerly of Bhooleshwar, but now of Bombay, and are bounded as follows: On or towards the North by the property belonging to Mathuradas Morarji, Jumnadas Morarji and Tricumdas Morarji, on or towards the South by Kolbhat Lane, on or towards the East partly by property comprised in lot B and partly by the property formerly of Mowji Premji and now of Vallubhdas Jumnadas, and on or towards the West by the property comprised in lot D.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned or to Messrs. Little and Company, attorneys for the plaintiffs in the said suit No. 579 of 1903 and for Hurjivan Virji, one of the Special Commissioners at their Office, old Secretariat, Apollo Street, or to Messrs. Ardeshir Hormusji Dinshaw and Co., attorneys for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Defendants and for Ranchordas Cullianji and Pragji Cullianji, two of the Special Commissioners at their Office in 29 Esplanade Road, or to Messrs. Mansukhlal Jamsetji and Hiralal, attorneys for Lakhmidas Bhimji, one of the Special Commissioners at their Office in 91, Meadows Street.

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MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Damaged Cotton Waste Fly, Realing Waste, &c.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 5th instant, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), at the Empress Mill, Chinchpogally, on account of the concerned:—

A large quantity of bags and loose cotton fly, hard waste, oily cotton, realing waste, clear fly, &c., damaged by fire and water.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required on the lots being knocked down.

AUCTION SALE of Building Materials.

Under instructions from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction, on the Premises on Friday, the 6th instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S T).

The materials for removal of the following buildings:—

The materials of building street No. 1, 1a & 1B; 45, 47—51; 9—9A, 9B—9D; 10 & 11; 33 (1); 40—48; 1; 3; case Nos. 9; 65; 56; 53, 54 & 55, Gamdevi Road.

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The articles are now on view.

AUCTION SALE of White Jeewan Pearls.

On FRIDAY, the 6th instant, at 2 p. m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the mortgagee, Bejraj Tebelram, and on account and risk of the mortgager, Ahmed bin Wahab Musbari,

17 parcels about 635 white Jeewan pearls of different sizes and weight.

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AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE JEWELLERY.

Under instruction from Messrs. Chotalal Naginchand and Company on account and risk of Messrs. Ebrahim Noorudin and Company, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on Saturday the 7th instant, at 2 p. m. (S T.), very valuable jewellery consisting of necklaces, bangles, rings, &c., &c., set with diamond pearls, emeralds, rubies, &c. The jewellery is of very large value and some of the stones and pearls are of extremely good quality.

The whole of the jewellery will be on show at the said Rooms between 2 and 5 p.m. on THURSDAY, the 5th, and FRIDAY the 6th instant.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Payne and Company, 18, Esplanade Road, or to the Undersigned.

On SATURDAY, the 7th instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 2 P. M. (S.T.)

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1 second-hand glass fronted miniature office brougham, in good order.
1 grey Pony, quiet in harness.
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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS at Scheme III, Kumbharwada, at the corner of Falkland Road, Northbrooke Street, and at 2nd Pathan Street.

Under instructions, from the Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th December next, at 4-30 p. m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction, on the site, the right of occupancy of the following plots for the term of 999 years:—

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BENNETT & Co.
Bombay, 4th December 1907.

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WEEKLY SALE.

Messrs. SORABJEE CAWASJEE will, THIS DAY, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of December, 1907, sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Rooms, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), the following:—

By order of Bai Manakbai, widow of Maneckchand Labhchand and on account and at the risk of Sohra Abdulalli Hakimji Lookmanji and Alibhoy Caderbhoy.
1 pearl necklace, studded with diamond and ruby.
4 gold bangles, 12½ tolas.
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1 pearl necklace.
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Mr. A. M. JACOB, late of Simla, has kindly consented to hold the Hammer.

The articles are now on view.

NOTE.—*The collection includes:*
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A Green Imperial Five-claw Dragon Vase—Kang-he, 1662.
A large Vase ("Wild Horses")—Ching-hoa, 1464.
A Powder Blue Vase—Keng-lung, 1736.
A Fuku Vase (engraved under the glaze)—Sioun-te, 1426.
A Peel de Orange Vase—Sung, 960.
A particularly fine Vase (diaphragm design).
Also a few stone-carved Snuff Bottles.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Anchor Line steamer Circassia, 4,315 tons, Captain A Haig, sailed yesterday for Marseilles and Liverpool, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE steamer Umbiali, 2,145 tons, Captain J L Richards, arrived in harbour yesterday from Natal with a cargo of coal, 10 cabin and 95 deck pasengers.

THE stemer Morven, 2,272 tons, Captain J T Norrie, arrived in harbour yesterday from Newport and London via Karachi with a general cargo and coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kola, 510 tons, Captain A J Cole, arrived in harbour yesterday from Persian Gulf etc., with a general cargo, 50 cases opium, 19 horses and 5 cabin and 452 deck passengers.

THE steamer Dragoman, 2,221 tons, Captain J H Middleton arrived in harbour on the 2nd instant from Calcutta with a cargo of coal. During the voyage she experienced rough weather in the Bay of Bengal.

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Shah Nasir......2555 Grant......Shah N N Co
Shirala......3400 Scott......M M & Co
Seirstad......617 Larsen......F F C & Co
Umbiali......2145 Richards......R A Willis
Warrior......2394 Tindale......F Muir & Co
Wistow Hall......2139 Meris......K Nixon & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—DEC. 3.
PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel. Ton. Capt. Destination. Date. Agents.
A Arcadia......6603 Valentine...Shanghai..11-12 ....
C&H Shah Najam...2751 Davison...Jeddah...5-12 H A Hassum
D&E Ujina......3426 Kendall..Calcutta......5-12 M M & Co
F Clan Graham...3288 Elliot...Chittagong...14-12 F M & Co
G Naderi......1168 Gray...Mauritius...4-12 B & P S N Co
H Morocco......Boxhall...Hull......5-12 F Muir & Co
K Morven......2272 Norrie Cochin......N F K Nixon & Co
M Maragon......3273 Hodgson......N F......M M & Co
M Farringford...2278 Chaplin Baltimore Repairing 4-12 R A Willis
Q Capri......3784 Balisto..Hongkong..17-12 F & R S N Co
Q Werdenfels......2810 Reiban...K'chi...5-12 Glade & Co
Q Alavi......3324 Geddie...Calcutta...6-12 B & P S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

3 St Helena......2708 Robertson...Genoa...4-12 T M'son & Co
3 Umballa......3426 Rait......N F......M M & Co
5 Westminster...2781 Duncombe..L'Pool...7-12 W & A G & Co
7 Ittada......3396 Alton......Calcutta...3-12 M M & Co
8 Oolpenta......3420 Hill......K'chi......6-12 M M & Co
9 City of London...5693 Black...A'werp...7-12 K Nixon & Co
10&11 Cuba......396 MacConchlan...Antwerp...14-12 M M & Co
12 Marmora......5629 Weston......London......6-12 P & O Co
16 Kagoshima Maru 3372 Arakawa...Kobe......10-12 N Y Kaisha

M W D D

Bohmani......1872 Storey...Jeddah...6-12 B & P S N Co

H W V D

Kola......498 Cole......Busreh......5-12 M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
2	Dragoman s	Middleton	Calcutta, Nov 23
3	Morven s	Norrie	Newport, Oct 27
	Umbiali s	Richards	Natal, Nov 13
	H. M. S. Perseus	Christian	Colombo, Nov 30
	Kola s	Cole	Busreh, Nov 23

DEPARTURE.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
3	Circassia s	Haig	Liverpool, &c

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—
Steamer Kola, for Persian Gulf, &c.
" Kagoshima Maru, for Kobe, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DEC. 3.

FOR LONDON.

Marmora s—190 bales hides and skins W and A Graham and Co; 26 bales skins, R Molhacobhi; 25 bales skins, M J Joosaelbhoy and Co; 20 bales hides H A Goosar; 45 cwt borabol, H B Ramji and Co; 2 bales Carpets 63 bales silk waste, King King and Co; 100 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co; 150 cwt Kapok D Nathoo and Co; 10 bales skins, M J Joosaelbhoy and Co; 4 bales carpets, Ajmere Import and Export Co; 24 bales skins M H Mahomed and Co; 20 bales skins R M Kooka; 7 bales Cotton, J B Madan and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Marmora s—2 bales carpets, Fleming Shaw and Co.

FOR HULL.

Werdenfels s—11,912 cwt Cottonseed and 3 bales Cotton Ralli Bros.
Morocco s—5 bales twist, Sassoon Cotton and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Cuba s—55 bales Cotton J A Begbie and 990 cwt gingellyseed David Sassoon and Co.
City of London s—636 cwt nuxvomica R Jewandas and Co; 11 bales twist F F Campbell and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Werdenfels s—110 bales cottonfly, N Pearbhoy; 100 bales cotton, F F Campbell and Co; 275 bales cottonfly K Hurmukhroy and Co; 83 bales cottonfly W Wolf and Sons, 5 bales silk waste E Trjbhoy and Co; 50 bales twist, Bradbuay Brady and Co; 20 bales twist, H M Mehta and Co; 55 bales twist F F Campbell and Co; 55 bales twist F F Campbell and Co; 20 bales twist, K Hurmukhroy and Co; 50 cwts linseed, M Ebrahim; 570 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 22 bales twist, J A Begbie and Co; 20 bales twist W and A Graham and Co.

FOR BREMEN.

Werdenfels s—114 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Kagoshima Maru s—130 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 525 bales twist, M M Esabhoy; 700 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Arcadia s—400 bales twist, A E J Abraham; 200 bales twist, Tata Sons and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Kagoshima Maru s—2,500 bales cotton, The Metsui B Kaisha; 400 bales cotton, The Bombay Co; 100 bales cotton, G Tejpal and Co; 800 bales cotton C Ebrahim and Co; 1,300 bales cotton Ralli Brothers; 699 bales cotton, D B Petit and Co.

FOR MOJI.

Kagoshima Maru s—300 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 2,000 bales cotton The Metsui B Kaisha.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Kagoshima Maru s—60 bales wool, The Metsui B Kaisha.

UNDELIVERED TELEGRAMS.

The following is a list of Messages remaining undelivered in the Central Telegraph Office, Bombay:—

Portlouis, Abdulkader; Peshawar City, Sethia Baria Buildings; Hyderabad (Sind,) Hohumal Relumal Bobsor; Raichur, Misses Aymaframji; Madras Royapettah, Joseph Pounsawmy Beelwille Palace; Gurgoon, Ramdhan Bankar, Crawford Market; London, Rampcarp Bombay; Broach, Balance; Cutchmandvi, Mamoo Khetsing Takavalomala; Tera Cutch, Mawji Devji Vadgadi; Kohudour, Ranchoran Tejnaith Detboldari Moochalala; Benares City, Gopaldas Makundzaiperi Bhuleswar; Vathar, Genu Maheta Mahar Vaghalikar Ambewadi Stone Mine; Ranchi, Bidyananda Bajpai care of Ranchordas Bithaldas Balkesor; Karachi City, Abdulatiff Shekh Mahomed; Jhk Tahal, Abdulla care of Sanid Katharistan 24 Jamon Sudar; Byndoor, D. Kadirbasha care of Shabundra Abdulrahim; Bhor, Parsu Raghu Dagada care of Vittal Dogri Mill.

FOREIGN CABLE COMMUNICATION.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Great Britain.	Continent of Europe.	America.	Australia.	China.	Africa.
Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Teheran Perfect.	Via Brest Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Penang Perfect.	Via Aden Perfect.
Via Turkey Interrupted. Via Suez Perfect.	Via Turkey Interrupted. Via Suez Perfect.	Via Valentia Perfect. Via Direct Cable Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect.	Via Amoor Perfect. Via Bhamo Perfect	Via Cadiz Teneriffe Perfect. Via Lisbon Vincent Perfect.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 3rd Dec. 1907.
(Difference in longitude allowed for.)

Via	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time Occupied in Transmission. Hrs.	Mts.
Turkey	...	..	..	..	...
Teheran	3	11	40 a m	3	5
Suez	3	2	20 p m	5	33

NOTICE.

Turkish route interrupted beyond Bushire (30-11-07).
Bhamo route to China interrupted beyond the Indian frontier between Nampong and Myingyan.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *December* 2.] [BOMBAY, *December* 3.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols ...	83 ex.		
3 do. Rentes	95 1/4	unchgd	
3½ do. Sterling Loan ...	101 1/3	1/4	
3½ do. Govt. Securities ...	63 1/8	unchgd	
Bar Silver in London ...	26 11/16	1/16	
Do. do. 2 months' hence	27	1/16	
Do. in New York ...	57 3/4	1/8	
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·20½		1
Do. do. do. Berlin.	20·53½		1/2
Do. do. do. New York.	4·86 1/4		3/8
Discount Bank of England Rate.	7 since	7th Nov.	
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	5 7/8		1/4
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	5		1/4
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	6 1/2		3/8
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	5 3/4		1 1/8
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	4 7/8	1/8	
Do. 7-day Market Loans	5 1/8		1/8

Amount paid into the Bank of England £700,000.
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate) 1s. 3 11/16d. unchgd.
Bills on Madras...Rs. 2,10,000 at 1s. 3 29/32d.

COTTON.

Liverpool—
Spots ... ...Good business.
Futures ... ...Steady.
East Indian ... ...Quiet.
Manchester ... ...Firm.
Total Sales 12,000
Sold on Speculation and for Export...1,000
Imports... 10,000
Mid-Americans... ... ...6·19 unchgd.
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown ... 10 1/8 unchgd.

Future Delivery Prices—

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.
5·83	5·86	5·87	5·88	5·88
+03	+03	+02	+03	+02
May-June	June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	
5·89	5·89	5·87	5·79	
+03	+03	+02		

New York—
Receipts at U. S. Ports ... 48,000 bales.
Do. do. last year... 84,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ... 6,000 "
Do. to Continent ... ... 65,000 "
Spot Cotton—11·60 unchgd
Futures—Month of Dec. 11·26—03
Do. do. March 10·95—05
{Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later in consequence of bullish crop estimates.

New Orleans:—
Spot Cotton.—11 3/8 unchgd.
Futures—Month of Jan. 11·06—07
Do. do. March 11·11—07
Closing Tone of Futures.—Steady.

WHEAT.

White Choice Karachi C. I. F.—41—Dec.-Jan.—London—Sellers—Canal.
Red F.A. Q. Karachi, C. I. F.—40 1/2 Dec.-Jan.—London—Done—Canal.
Tone of Wheat—Dull.
Wheat afloat for U. K. Qrs.— 1,710,000

SEEDS.

Rapeseed:—
Tone of Rapeseed.—Quiet but steady.
Linseed:—
Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 46, Nov.-Dec.—Sellers—Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee:—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 5 7/8 unchgd.
Sugar—
German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F India 12s. 1½d.
Months of Shipment.—Jan.-Mar.—Sellers.
Tone of Sugar—Firm.
Rubber—
Para Rubber 3s. 6d.—Done.

SKIN SALES.

Goat Skin sales opened to-day.
Goat Skins offered 1,045,000.
Sheep " " 1,026,000.
Goat Skins quiet and prices easier.
Goat Skins Bombay 2d. lower.
Arrivals: "Wildenfels."

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Bundle Sovs	Rs. 270	Jeddah	Monsoori	S & H Bassam
Gold Coins	4,074			
5 Bundles Rs	9,000	Linga	Waroonga	Hongkong Bk.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

TUESDAY EVENING. [3RD DECEMBER, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money:—
Boarowers for two months at 4 per cent. per annum.

Exchange:—
The market was slightly firmer this morning and one Bank sold to a moderate extent at 1s. 3¼d. T. T. Later on the rate was withdrawn and the T. T. rate all round became 1s. 3 27/32d. A moderate amount of demand was taken at 1s. 3 29/32d. for the mail. Credits opened at 1s. 4 7/32d. 3 months' sight, but bills were very scarce and any that were offered found a market at 1s. 4 3/16d. 3 months' sight. Bills for January can be placed at 1s. 4 5/16 3 months' sight. Far Eastern rates are quiet.

We quote:—
T. T. on London ... ...1s. 3 27/32d.
Demand Draft ... ...1s. 3 29/32d.
Credits—3 months' sight ... 1s. 4 7/32d. to 3/16d.
Do. 6 months' sight ... 1s. 4 7/16d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France 170
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks. 139 1/2
Hongkong—30 days' sight... 149 3/4
Yokohama—30 days' sight ... 151
Shanghai—30 days' sight ... 200

Government Paper:—
The market open to-day at 95 11/16 ready and 95 5/8 for the settlement and closes unchanged. A moderate business has been reported in the Bazaar at about our quotations. Calcutta market is steady at 95¾ ready and 95 5/8 for delivery in a month.

We quote:—
Cash ... ... Rs. 95-11
1st Settlement ... ... " 95-10

Bullion:—
Bar silver in London closed firmer on Monday ready and forward bars being 1 1/16 higher at 26 11/16 and 27 pence respectively. New York also was 1/8 better at 57¾. Locally the market opened at 69 ex-duty for ready and is unchanged at the close. Forward rates are noted below. Bar Gold is steady.

We quote:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
English Bar Gold	24	3	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	2	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	1	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	2	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	2	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	69	0	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	69	0	0
Ditto 2nd " ...	69	2	0

COTTON.

Market Report:—
The market opened slightly easier but has since improved in tone and a fair business has been done during the day. Bengals have been firmer and business was done during the afternoon in fine M. G., January delivery, at Rs. 202. The market closes steady at the undermentioned rates.

In ready cotton a moderate business was done by shippers in new and old crop, and mills bought sparingly of the latter.

QUOTATIONS:—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	274	March 08
Good M. G. Broach	266	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti ...	226	Jan. 08
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon...	228/9	
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola ...	219	
Fine M. G. Amraoti	218	
Fine M. G. Muttia	206	
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	199	
Fine M. G. Khandeish	205	
Fine M. G. Bengals	202	
Fine M. G. Bengals	206	March 08
F. G. H. G. Bengals	190½	Jan. 08

Liverpool Opener:—
Opening Tone... ... ... Steady.
Estimated Sales ... ... 8,000 bales.
Total Imports ... ... 22,000 "

Future Delivery Prices:—

D.-J.	J.-F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M.
5·85	5·89	5·90	5·90	5·91
+02	+03	+03	+02	+03
M.-J.	J.-J.	J.-A.	A.-S.	
5·91	5·91	5·90	5·86	
+02	+02	+03	+07	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed:—
The market is steadier and we quote as under:—
Ready ... ... Rs. 7 14 0 B. T.
December ... ... " 8 4 0 R. D.
May... ... ... " 8 8 6 R. D.

Rapeseed—
The market is steady with rather more enquiry. We quote:—
Brown Cawnpore ... ... Rs. 8 15 0
Yellow Gujerat ... ... " 9 13 0

Gingellyseed:—
The market is quiet but steady with a small business doing. We quote:—
Bold White, 85 p.c. ... ... Rs. 62 0 0
" " 75 p.c. ... ... " 61 0 0
Havre ... ... " 62 8 0

Poppyseed:—
Rs. 12 4 0
Tone—Steady.

Castorseed:—
Rs. 37 8 0
Tone—Steady.

Cottonseed:—
Rs. 23 12 0
Tone—Easier.

Mowraseed:—
Rs. 5 5 0 B. T.
Tone—Firmer.

GROUNDNUTS:— Rs. 46 0 0 Jan.-Feb.
Tone—Steady.

Wheat:—
The market is quiet but steady with little doing. We quote:—
White Delhi, Ap.-May.... Rs. 5 14 0 R. T.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks:—
Bombay 1,382 1/2
India 61
Indian Specie Bank 47 1/4

Mills:—
Century 1,750
David 403 3/4
Empress 400
Kohinoor... 725
Maneckji Petit 2,180

Presses:—
New Mofussil 570

Miscellaneous:—
Bodham Pile & Co. 121
Central India Mining 440
Colaba Land and Mill 1,030
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate ... 120
Marcks and Co 53 3/2
Treacher and Co 610

Railways:—
Tapti Valley 104
Amritsar-Patti 427 1/3

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday:—

Cotton ... ... 6,286 bales.
Wheat ... ... 13,161 cwts
Linseed ... ... 247 "
Rapeseed ... ... 4 "
Gingellyseed ... ... 10,295 "
Poppyseed ... ... 7 "
Groundnuts ... ... 771 "
Castorseed ... ... 3,205 "
Rice ... ... 20,610 "
Myrabollams ... ... 3,618 "
Cottonseed ... ... 4,964 "
Mowraseed ... ... 584 "
Gram ... ... 12,695 "
Joowar ... ... 132 "
Maize ... ... 520 "

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 30th Nov. 1907, as compared with the statement of 23rd Nov. 1907:—

LIABILITIES.	Nov. 23. Rs.	Nov. 30. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	96,00,000	96,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	43,92,783	42,80,254
Public Deposits at Branches	56,24,088	59,97,109
Other Deposits	8,74,11,615	8,41,09,346
Post Bills	14,756	14,756
Sundries	24,66,515	25,66,401
Rs.	11,95,09,757	11,66,67,866
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,38,30,897	1,32,60,271
Other authorised Securities	37,86,020	37,09,877
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	1,31,10,603	1,15,62,473
Loans do. do. do.	1,78,34,257	1,70,43,865
Bills discounted and purchased	2,86,90,782	2,91,44,148
Dead Stock	2,39,728	2,39,728
Stamps	3,544	3,514
Bullion	5,08,145	4,93,945
Balances with other Banks	31,92,825	30,94,180
Sundries	2,54,808	2,24,416
Cash	4,19,55,948	4,07,42,809
	11,95,09,757	11,66,67,866

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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BOMBAY.

COUTINHO—There will be an Office for the Dead to-morrow Thursday at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.) and a Requiem Mass on Friday the 6th instant at 7-30 a.m. in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Dabul, for the repose of the soul of the late Dr. J. V. Coutinho. Friends of Mrs. J. V. Coutinho and of the Rev. J. N. Coutinho will kindly accept this the only intimation.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BURDON—November 27, at Ambala, the wife of E. Burdon, I. C. S., of a son.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 57m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 10-4m., 11-3a.; Low water, 4-11m., 4-18a.
His Excellency the Governor's Levee, Secretariat, 5 p.m.
Concert, Y. M. C. A. Hall, in aid of the funds of the Wesleyan Marathi Orphanage, 9-15p.m.
Bombay Club, special general meeting, 6-30 p.m.
Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
The Hippodrome, Esplanade, 9-30 p.m.
Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p.m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p.m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Dec. 5th, New Moon. 3h 52-4m. p.m., Dec. 12th, First Quarter, 7h. 46-0m. a.m., Dec. 19th, Full Moon, 11h. 25-1m. p.m., Dec. 28th, Last Quarter, 4h. 40-5m. a.m., Dec. 7th, in Perigee, 8-2h. a.m. Dec. 23rd, in Apogee, 2-9h. a.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Thursday, December 5.—Municipal Corporation, 3-39p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 57m., Sun sets, 6h. 0m.; High water, 10-50m., 11-45a.; Low water, 4-55m., 4-56a.
Friday, December 6.—P. & O. steamer "Arabia," with English Mails of 22nd ult., due to arrive at 6 a.m. Factory Labour Commission, Secretariat, 2 p.m. Sun rises, 6h. 58m., Sun sets, 6h. 1m.; High water, 11-35m., Low water, 5-39m., 5-35a.
Saturday, December 7.—Factory Labour Commission, Secretariat, 2 p.m. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. Sun rises, 6h. 59m., Sun sets, 6h. 1m.; High water, 0-28m., 0-20a.; Low water, 6-23m., 6-15a.
Sunday, December 8.—2nd Sunday in Advent. Sun Rises, 6h. 59m., Sun sets, 6h. 1m.; High water, 1-12m., 1-6a.; Low water, 7-9m., 6-57a.
Monday, December 9.—Sun rises, 6h. 59m., Sun sets, 6h. 1m.; High water, 1-58m.; 1-56a. Low water, 8-1m., 7-43a.
Tuesday, December 10.—Sun rises, 7h. 0m., Sun sets 6h. 2m.; High water, 2-47m., 2-53a.; Low water, 9-4m., 8-35a.

LECTURE.—Miss Lilian Edger, M. A., will lecture at the F. C. Hall, this (Wednesday) evening at 6-30 (S. T.) on "The Mission of Theosophy." The lecture is open to the public, but a few reserved numbered tickets are for sale at the Theosophical Society.

DANGEROUS PITS.—At Sir J. J. Hospital, Bombay, yesterday, Mr. G. F. Chalk, the Acting Coroner, held an inquest on the body of Madhu Sakaram (13), a Hindu. On Friday evening the deceased was passing through a lime manufacturer's compound at Sewree, when he accidentally fell into a lime pit and was severely burnt. He was taken to the hospital, where he died on Monday. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and added a rider to the effect that the compound in which the pits were situated should be fenced round.

FAILED THE TEST.—On Monday evening a motor car belonging to the Paris-India Motor Car Company was being driven by one Kalamkhan Hidayatkhan, a Mahomedan, along Church Gate Street, Bombay, when two sepoys of the 109th Native Infantry, were knocked down and run over by the car, sustaining more or less serious injuries. They were both removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital for treatment. It is stated that Kalamkhan was an applicant for the post of motor-car driver and his fitness for it was being tested when the accident took place.

THE DEPRESSED CLASSES MISSION.—In the evening of Saturday last a school was opened at "Chimbur" for the children of the low caste people, working at the Deonar Kachrapati. It was a long-felt need. The Corporation has, for the present, supplied a big temporary hut for the school. The programme began with a Hari Kirtan, after which the opening ceremony was performed and sweets were distributed to the children. A good number of ladies and gentlemen from Bombay and Thana were present on the occasion. It is hoped that the Corporation will soon grant a permanent school-house.

BAND AT THE BOMBAY GYMKHANA.—By kind permission of Lt.-Colonel J. S. McNeill, V. D., and Officers, of the 1st Batt. G.I.P. Railway Volunteers Band will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 6 p. m. to-day:—

March ......"Namur"......F Lane
Overture ......"Stradella"......Flotow
Selection ......"I'l Bravo"......Miradante
Scene and Aria Cornet Solo "Jeanne Hachette"......Concone
Selection ......"The Pirates of Penzance"......A Sullivan
Valse of No 18 ......"Briallante"......Chopin
Characteristic Piece......"Dianah's Jubilee"......Karl Raps

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.—A meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay was held in the Trust Buildings, yesterday afternoon, the Hon'ble Mr. Owen Dunn, presiding. The plans and estimates for accomodating the poor classes in Mandvi Kolivada were sanctioned, the estimated costs being Rs. 2,77,000. Sanction was also given to the expenditure of Rs. 41,920 for erecting chawls for the poor behind plots 59 and 61 in Scheme No. II. (Princess Street). In Scheme No. III which runs from the Queen's Road to the Docks, it was decided that the main road should be named after a late Governor of Bombay, Lord Sandhurst.

FIRES IN BOMBAY.—About half past one o'clock yesterday morning, a cattle-shed situated in Mazagon was destroyed by fire. Twenty pairs of bullocks were stabled in the shed at the time the fire broke out. The shed belonged to one Haji Jan Mahomed, and though it was completely destroyed, all the animals were taken out safe. The cause of the fire is not known; the damage is estimated at Rs. 1,150. The fire which broke out in the blow-room of the Victoria Mill at Gamdevi on Monday night, resulted in the destruction of a quantity of waste cotton. The flames were extinguished in half an hour. The cause of the fire is attributed to friction occasioned by some hard substance finding its way into the machinery. The damage is estimated at Rs. 800.

PARSEE GENERAL HOSPITAL FUND.—The undersigned begs to announce the following contributions towards the above named Fund:—Amount previously announced, Rs. 10,10,617-7-7; from the collection-box placed at Seth Cowasji B. Banaji's fire temples, Rs. 108-7-10; from the collection-box placed at Seth Hormasji B. Wadia's fire temple, Rs. 105-8; Mr Hormasji Dorabji Padumjee, Rs. 101; Mr. Pirosha B. R. Mody, in memory of his late respected parents, Rs. 101; in sacred memory of (my) beloved father on the anniversary of his death on Roje Moher, Mah Khordad, Rs. 50; from the sons of the late Mr. Nesserwanji P. Dubash, Rs. 25; from the collection-box placed at the Agiary of Seth Maneckji Nowroji Seth, Fort, Rs. 23-9-3; "A Zoroastrian," Rs. 20; in memory of (my) late mother, Bai Khursedbai D Desai, Rs. 15; Mr. Rustomji A. Commissariatwalla, in sacred memory of his brother-in-law, Mr. R. P. Karani, on his Baz on Rose Khorsed Mahkhurdad, 1277, Shanshai, Rs. 11; Mr Maneckji P. Karanjia, Rs. 10; Mr. Rustom M. Chichgar, Rs. 10; Mr. B. A. Entee, (Bhowmagar), Rs. 10; from the collection-box placed at Seth Merwanji F. Panday's Dharumsalla, (Karelwady), Rs. 8-0-10; A Zoroastrian Lady, in memory of her late beloved relations, Rs. 5; A Zoroastrian Lady, Rs. 5; Mr Bomanji D. (by M. O.), Rs. 5; "J M L," Rs. 5; sums under Rs. 4—9: Total Rs. 10,11,345-1-6.

PASSENGERS PER S.S. "AUSTRALIEN."

The following passengers are expected to arrive here from Marseilles per Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer "Australien" on Thursday at 9 a.m.

Anderson, Mr
Antippa, Mr
Bewis, Mr W G
Buff, Mr
Campbell, Lt
Carter, Miss
Cobb, Mrs and children
Cobb, Mr
Dick, Lt-Col and Mrs
de la, Serrie Mr
Duperrier Mrs
Dragcott, Mr
Fossyth, Mr and Miss
Forbes, Mr and Mrs A F
Fulton, Mrs
Forbes, Tullock, Mrs
Galloway, Mr and Mrs F W
Galloway, Miss
Glasham, Mr and Mrs and infant
Gombert, Mr and Mrs
Ghosh, Mr
Hancock, Mr
Hadow, Mr E M
Harn, Mr and Mrs and 3 children
Herzog, Mr
Johnson, Miss
Kerrich, Mrs
Keith, Mrs
Khan, Mr G
Linder, Miss
Ledoux, Mr E
Moorhead, Major
Miller, Mr Mrs and Miss
Murphy, Mrs
Manuk, Mr and Mrs
Max Buff, Mr
Murgatroyd, Mr and Mrs
McGlashan, Mr Mrs and child
Morgan, Mr
Murgatroyd, Mrs
Neuburg, Mr
Paynting, Mr J W E
Pearse, Mr and Mrs
Pick, Lt-Col and Mrs
Roberts, Major and Mrs H
Reynolds, Cap and Mrs
Race, Mrs and 2 children
Renny, Mr
Ran, Mrs and infant
Stephens, Lt R
Stanley, Mrs
Stanley, Capt
Solby, Mrs
Selby, Miss
Spinner, Mr
Sinder, Mrs
Tindall, Miss
Thieme, Mrs E M
Tudor, Owen Capt
Tabit, Mr P M
Tabit, Mr P P
Vincent, Mrs
Warren, Mr James
Wynn, Elias Lt A
Walk, Mr
Westhoff, Mr
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Mr Alan Grant Birch having joined is taken on the strength and posted to "A" Troop.

T. W. CUFFE, Major,
Comdg. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Dec. 4.

392—Detail for the week ending Saturday the 7th instant.
To-day Wednesday the 4th—"H" Coy. Parade on company parade ground at 5 p. m.
II—Bugle Practice in rear of Skating Rink at 5-30 p.m.
Thursday the 5th—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a. m.
II—"I," "K" and "M" Co's Parade on the Maidan at 4 p. m.
Friday the 6th—Till Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p.m.
Saturday the 7th—The Battalion will parade at Santa Cruz. Dress—Uniform, Drill Order.
Subject—Attack of a position, Sections 151 to 157 Infantry Training 1905.
Special carriages will be attached to the Train leaving Colaba at 3 30 p. m.
Railway fares will be paid for those joining this train at Colaba, Church Gate, Marine Lines, Grant Road and Dadur.
Members travelling from other Stations will pay their own fares which will be refunded. Refreshments will be provided.
393 Transfer No 5041 Corpl A Dickson, is transferred from "F" to "B" Company in the rank of Cyclist.
394—Extract from Government Notification, General Department No. 7165, dated Bombay Castle, 30th November 1907, is published for information:—
Captain George Alexander Phillips of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles is transferred to the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles with effect from the 1st October 1907.
395 Medals—Applications for Volunteer Long Service Medals should reach Adjutant's Office by the 15th instant.

C. N. MOBERLY, Lieut.
Acting Adjt. B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.
REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, Dec. 4.

353 PROF. CLASS.

Parade at the B V A Club on Wednesday the 4th instant at 7 p.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.

354 DRILLS.

No. 2 Co Gun Drill and Instructions at Mahaluxmi Fort as follows:—
Thursday at 9 p. m.
Dress—Khaki and Caps.
Saturday at 5 p.m.
Dress—Khaki and Helmets.

355 E B Co.

Parade on Wednesday the 4th instant at 6-30 p.m. Apollo Bunder and proceed to Middle Ground for Manning Defence Lights.

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt. B. V. A.

NOTICE.

A Spoon Competition was held at Santa Cruz on Sunday, December 1st result as follows:—

	200 yds.	600 yds.
S Major H Salley	27 + 2=29	30 + 3=33
Gr A W Barker	27 + 4=31	27 + 3=30
Corpl F Hainsworth	22 + 4=26	29 + 5=34
Gr W Thomson	23 + 1=24	25 + 2=27
Gr O M P Clyne	29 Sc=29	19 — 1=18
Gr A E Rogers	29 Sc=29	19 + 1=20
S F A E Maber	23 + 4=27	21 + 5=26
Gr R O Collyer	20 + 2=22	21 + 3=24
Br W Geldart	21 + 7=28	19 + 8=27
Sapper R Hots	24 Sc=24	15 + 1=16
" B Breslauer	14 + 2=16	17 + 3=20
Corpl C Flack	16 + 5=21	15 + 6=21
Gr H E Grimshaw	22 + 7=29	13 + 8=21

Winners of Spoons.

200 yds Gr Clyne and Gr Barker,
600 yds S M Salley and Copl Hainsworth.

The next Spoon Competition will take place at 300 and 500 yards at Santa Cruz on Sunday the 8th instant.

A. W. BARKER, Hon. Sec.
B. V. A. R. Asso.

THE King has approved of the African General Service Medal, with clasp, inscribed N. Nigeria, 1906, being granted to the forces which took part in the operations against the Satiru rebels, near Sokoto from the 14th February to the 11th March, 1906, and against the Emir of Hadeija from the 16th to the 24th April, 1906.

"FATE."

The ancients, it is well known, held a firm belief that "Fate" determined, to some degree, one's future, which has continued down to the present generation, even among many of the highly educated, and why should it not when it is an established fact that "there are many things on earth that the mind of man is incapable of understanding."

Whether we believe in "Fate" or not, we cannot fail to be interested in what has been believed by many, among them some of the wisest men, through all ages, especially concerning one's own "Fate."

The predictions given are founded on ancient records, although we cannot vouch for their truthfulness, but leave it entirely to you and "Fate."

The above is the introduction of "Doan's Book of Fate," a most interesting and amusing publication that is supposed to tell one's fortune as accurately as the most noted fortune-teller, a specimen copy of which we have just received with the the compliments of the publishers.

The front cover has a most beautiful picture of what is supposed to be the "Goddess of Fate," and is without doubt an artistic piece of work.

That "Doan's Book of Fate" may become popular, we are instructed to say, if our readers send their names plainly written to "Doan's" P. O. Box 20, Bombay, and state they read the notice in this Paper, the book will be sent entirely free of charge.

"Send for it now as you will be pleased," and be sure you mention this Paper, otherwise it will not be sent free.

HIGH COURT.

THE HOPE MILLS, LIMITED.

In the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Davar yesterday pronounced his judgment in the Rule taken out in the suit between Sir Jehangir Cowasji Jehangir and the Hope Mills, Limited, and others. He said that Sir Jehangir, the plaintiff, as mortgagee in possession of the mill property of the first defendant Company, had instituted this suit in August 1903 to recover the money due to him under the mortgage, and he prayed, in default of payment, for foreclosure of the right to redeem, or for the sale of the property.

The mortgage was dated 5th April 1900. On 30th May 1901, plaintiff had entered into an agreement with the mills company, under the terms of which he worked the mills. On 26th January 1904, he obtained a decree manifestly defective. It should have been drawn up under form 28, and not under form 26, as it was. On 19th October last, Jivanlal Chunilal Chinoy, who claimed to be senior partner in the firm of Rangildas Bhukhandas and Co., agents of the mills company, obtained a rule on behalf of the Company, calling upon the plaintiff to show cause why he should not pass his accounts as first mortgagee in possession of the Company's property; and why in taking such accounts, the Commissioner should not be directed to calculate interest at a particular rate, and not at the rate mentioned in the decree. On 21st November, when the rule was argued, the Company's counsel, Mr. Raikes, abandoned the latter part of the rule. At the hearing of the rule, the Judge had doubts whether he had the power to give directions at this stage, when they should have been given at the time of passing the decree. In Daniel's Chancery Practice, page 650, it was stated that the Court would supply what might be necessary to make an existing direction complete. There was a further elucidation of the point on the following page; the Hon. Mr Basil Scott, the Advocate-General, had conceded that the Court had the power to make the order, but he resisted such an order on other grounds. Clause 4 of the agreement of 3rd October 1905 stated that accounts up to the year 1904 had been adjusted between the parties; clause 7 provided for a special mode of checking the accounts, and prohibited the re-opening of them on any ground whatever, adding that none of the parties was entitled to have them passed by the Commissioner, High Court. Should this agreement be binding on the Company, these provisions would be a complete bar to the contemplated order. The Judge refrained from expressing an opinion on the question whether the agreement was binding or not, in the absence of facts and evidence. He was averse to starting a long inquiry on a motion, when such points could best be decided by an independent suit between the parties. There were other questions about assignment, second mortgage, and further agreement, which should also be decided by a suit. In making the first part of the rule absolute, the Judge ordered that the plaintiff should pass his accounts as first mortgagee in possession, and having regard to the directions in the decree, before the Commissioner, within two months; but should he during the period file a suit to establish his agreement of 3rd October 1905, this order to be suspended till the final determination of the question in suit, and in appeal if any. Should it be held in the suit that the agreement was binding on the Company, this order would stand discharged. If clauses 4 and 7 were held to be not binding on the Company, this order must operate, and the plaintiff must pass his accounts before the Commissioner. That the decree was defective in the first instance was quite as much the plaintiff's fault as the Company's; the Company never cared to appear in Court. These considerations should weigh with the Court in making an order for costs; also the further one, urged justly by the Advocate-General, that in its distress and difficulty the Company went to the plaintiff for help; but now when with that help the Company's prospects had improved, a new agent came forward, who resorted to technical legal contentions to defeat the rights secured by the plaintiff under an agreement, on the terms of which only he gave further assistance to the Company.

The defendant mills company must bear its own costs of this rule and order: plaintiff to be at liberty to add his costs to the mortgage debts.

SHAREBROKER'S ALLEGED SPECULATIONS.

Yesterday in the High Court the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell heard a suit brought by Jamnadas Lalji against Esmail Beg Mahomed, in which the plaintiff prayed that the defendant may be ordered to pay to him the sum of Rs. 15,622-8-0 with interest at 9 per cent. till payment. Mr. Lowndes and Mr. Robertson, instructed by Messrs. Thakoredas and Co., appeared for the plaintiff; and the Hon. Mr. Scott and Mr. Raikes, instructed by Messrs. Little and Co., appeared for the defendant.

The plaintiff, a share and security broker, said he was instructed by the defendant on the 20th January 1906, to sell on his behalf 47 shares of the Manekji Petit Mills, which he accordingly did, for the March 1906 delivery. On the 12th February 1906, at the defendant's request and on his account, he purchased 47 shares of the said mill for the March 1906 delivery. The defendant agreed to pay brokerage at the rate of Rs 2-8-0 per share. According to the custom of the market, the defendant was bound to pay to plaintiff, on the 12th March 1906, the due date, the sum of Rs. 15,622-8-0 in respect of the purchases and sales, in order to place the plaintiff in funds to settle with the buyers and sellers, with whom he had contracted on behalf of the defendant, who was fully aware of the customs and practices of the market at the time he entered into the transactions. Defendant had neglected to pay the amount due by him.

The defendant, in his written statement, put the plaintiff to proof that his instructions in respect of the 47 shares were carried out. Defendant denied the custom alleged by the plaintiff, saying that plaintiff was his agent; and that defendant was merely bound to indemnify him against the consequences of any lawful acts done by the plaintiff in pursuance of instructions given to him. The plaintiff having incurred heavy losses owing to speculation, absconded and was not to be found in the bazar at the date of the settlement referred to, and for some months thereafter defendant submitted that, if the plaintiff did carry out his instructions, he was only liable to compensate him for any sums actually paid by plaintiff in respect of the transactions entered into by him in consequence of such instructions. Defendant did not believe the plaintiff had made any such payments, and said the suit should be dismissed with costs.

The details of the matter were gone into.

A COMING VIRTUOSO.

ANOTHER violin virtuoso, Mr. Louis Edger will appear in Bombay Town Hall on Saturday and Monday at 9-30. Mr. Edger is a promising young violinist, and seems to have won much applause in Europe.

The "Berlin Musical Courier" says of him:—His selections were the d'Albert Suite in D minor, the Mozart F major Sonata, the Beethoven Sonata 'Appassionata,' the studies in C sharp minor, G flat major, and the F minor ballade by Chopin, and the two Liszt 'Legendes.' Edger is a piano genius: he has a remarkable technic, clear cut, sure, and fleet as the wind. He is musical to his finger tips, and has an abundance of that physicial and nervous force one likes to see in rising young pianists. His performance of the 'Appassionata' Sonata was notable: in his reading of the wonderful Andante, there were depth, penetrating spirit, and lofty conception. That the lad has poetry in him was amply proven in his playing of the C sharp minor study, in which he revealed true logical quickness and healthy sentiment. Edger, who is a pupil of Jose da Motta, is a pianist destined to make his mark.

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CORPORATION AND COMMISSIONER.

THE Corporation on Monday afternoon formally marked their appreciation of the services of Mr. S. M. Edwardes as acting Municipal Commissioner during the absence of the permanent incumbent of the office, Mr. W. D. Sheppard. It was a graceful compliment, but one which was well deserved, for Mr. Edwardes has discharged the duties of the onerous position with remarkable zeal and discrimination. At the time he took over the office, prospects in the Corporation were particularly gloomy and it was feared that the interests of the city were about to be subordinated to party strife and that Municipal affairs would make but little progress. It is not necessary to recall the details of the electioneering campaign which threatened to dislocate municipal business. Fortunately the clouds which overhung the Council Hall proved to have the proverbial silver lining and their revelation was as much due to the timely appointment of a new chief executive officer as to any other circumstance. There were elements of unrest and the concomitants of disorder in the Municipality when the Commissioner took leave and Mr. Edwardes was chosen to act in his stead. As Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, in proposing Monday's Resolution, observed, when that gentleman's name was mentioned in connection with the office it was objected that he was too junior in rank for the post, but we pointed out at the time that he possessed exceptional qualifications for it, energy, zeal, initiative, exceptional ability, the utmost tact and, furthermore, a more intimate acquaintance with the various peoples of this city than possibly any other Civilian in the Service. Our advocacy of his appointment has been more than justified. It was a critical juncture in the history of the Corporation, but Mr. Edwardes rose to the occasion and superior to it. In the words of the mover of the Resolution, he invariably brought to bear a "firm and comprehensive grasp of a variety of complicated and difficult Municipal matters and displayed conspicuous ability, zeal and judgment in dealing with them, combined with a strict sense of impartiality and independence which, with the cordial co-operation of the Corporation, has done much to raise the whole tone of Municipal administration and to prepare the way for further permanent improvement." This is not faint praise, but it emphatically is not undue eulogy, much less flattery. Mr. Edwardes's term of office as Municipal Commissioner has been an unqualified success.

Let us examine his record as set down in the archives of the Municipality. It was said on Monday that he had been as firm and strong and impartial. He has crossed swords with individual members and doubtlessly had many unpleasant tasks to perform, yet he appeared before the Corporation in the frankest possible manner and, having obtained their decision, abided by it in the most loyal possible manner. But there were many things in which he had to take the initiative and fortunately for us all the Corporation usually saw eye to eye with him, both European and Indian elements in the Corporation giving him the most cordial support. Most prominent among Mr. Edwardes's earliest achievements was the reorganisation of the Water Department. In it he turned out the undesirables, even though in some cases their position was very strong, and sent up full proposals for the proper reorganization of the Department. In the Health Department he paid continual surprise visits, dismissed several men who had been defrauding the Municipality, and submitted new proposals for ensuring that there shall be more direct supervision and inspection. As a consequence, the lower grades are reported to have worked more conscientiously, as they never knew when the Commissioner might not come down upon them and they would be called to book. With regard to the contraband meat traffic it will be remembered Mr. Edwardes organized a raid, caught and prosecuted seventeen persons implicated, and framed proposals which should result in putting a stop to the traffic and in the better inspection of private markets. He worked out proposals for the improvement of the clerical establishment, which have been passed, for ameliorating the condition of the lowest paid clerks in all the Departments of the Municipality. As regards Public Instruction Mr. Edwardes placed before the Corporation proposals for erecting a school-house and providing tuition for the children of begaris employed at the Kachra-ground in Deonar. When the proposal came up on a former occasion it will be remembered it was vetoed by the Corporation. And in the Corporation itself he managed to set on foot a better feeling. Recrimination and party-feeling have died down : and men of all denominations now vote according to their convictions. Better feeling, too, exists between the Corporation and the Commissioner. In evidence of this we note that the Standing Committee passed every single proposal of the Commissioner for increases in salaries, and that all work as between the Commissioner and the Standing Committee has progressed without a hitch and with courtesy, something quite new in the history of the Corporation.

The Public—we can vouch for the opinion that they have been satisfied, because they knew that wherever possible the Commissioner would personally inspect the sources of their complaints and do what he could to remedy them. The residents of a certain portion of the city have likened him to Mr. Hartley Kennedy as one who never slept but was always on the prowl for misdemeanours among subordinates. To the new Budget we referred the other day. In it the Commissioner saw his way to abolish the town-duty on grain, which should bring relief to many, and also reduced the water-rate charged to the general public. Municipal Loans have become more universally respected. That of September last, for example, was almost taken up by the Bank of Bombay, for the first time, and the Municipal Loans now come into the first rank, alongside those of the Port Trust. The list of reports prepared and sent in by the Commissioner, of which record is made in the public prints, comprises that on the re-organisation of the Water Department superior staff ; the re-organisation of the Water Department subordinate staff ; the re-organisation of the Health Department subordinate staff ; report on the measures for the prevention of importation of contraband meat into Bombay and the inspection of the disposal of carcases at Coorla ; a report on the Sitaram Buildings fire ; on the Falkland Road drain disaster ; report the Dadysett Agiary lane house collapse ; on the re-organisation of the lower grades of clerks ; on the proposal of the Chamber of Commerce to abolish the levy of Town Duty on sugar ; a proposal from the Port Trust to construct a road from the Harbour to Hornby Road, and finally on the settlement in regard to allocation of cost of overbridges on both the Railways. It is a remarkable record for six months' work and we cannot but endorse the expression of hope, on Monday, that in the fulness of time Mr. Edwardes will go back to the Corporation as Municipal Commissioner—unless in the meantime Government has found him a position where his marked ability will have greater scope.

RECENT EARTHQUAKES. THE severity of several earthquakes in recent years has caused Professor Milne, the well-known Seismologist, to reply to a question which has occurred to many, Are earthquakes increasing ? Professor Milne asks the question and dismisses it immediately, for existing records do not go back sufficiently far to allow it to be said whether earthquakes are increasing or decreasing in number. But present day observations show that every year sixty world-shaking earthquakes are recorded. The popular idea that this class of earthquake is on the increase is simply because their origins have been in inhabited places but, adds the Professor, it is fortunate for humanity that the greater number of these megaseismic efforts have for the most part origins beneath deep oceans or in desert countries. It has been stated that sixty large earthquakes occur every year ; a result of these is that disjointed material is produced, the intermittent settlement of which gives rise to about thirty-thousand minor earthquakes a year of which Britain's annual constitution is about half a dozen. These repeated shakings of the ground have often been regarded as a curse upon humanity, but they may also be looked upon as blessings in disguise. Each earthquake is an announcement that rocky strata are being folded. If this process were not in operation it is easy to picture what would happen. We know fairly well how many cubic miles of material stand above sea level represent our continents. We also know how many cubic miles are carried by rivers and other agencies from land surfaces to be deposited in the sea. We can, therefore, calculate how many years it would take before every land surface would be covered by the rising tides. This would have occurred ages ago had there been no buckling crust. Earthquakes tell us that this buckling is still in progress and, therefore, like rainbows, indicate that the world is not yet to be destroyed by inundation. The question then arises when will earthquakes cease and the degrading process of surface denudation be no longer unopposed ? The question, says Professor Milne, cannot be answered until earthquake catalogues, referring to the whole surface of the world, have been extended over periods of time which give a measurable rate of the changing seismic vitality of the earth. Lord Kelvin and others who followed his incentive have told us the probable age of our world. The age it may attain before it ceases to be the habitable world is a question that may be answered by the seismologists of the future. The number of large or small earthquakes which occur every year are an index of the present vigour of its internal activity, but about the past our knowledge is extremely vague. Starting with the earthquake which is recorded in the Bible at the time of the delivery of the Law on Mount Sinai (1606 B. C.), Mallet made a catalogue of the earthquakes of the world up to 1850 It contains about seven thousand entries showing an apparent increase in energy up to recent times, but it is pointed out that this may be due to an increase in records made in modern times together with the loss of ancient records. If, however, we make a catalogue which only included those disturbances which have produced marked structural disturbances and have been large enough to shake the world, and confine our entries to Europe and Western Asia—we cannot include America and Australia and certain other countries because the accessible records only refer to comparatively short periods of time—we reach new results. For example, between 1150 and 1250 A.D., and again beginning in 1650, we find marked increases in seismic activity in the European area. It is difficult to imagine that the great increase in the number of disastrous earthquakes, which were events too great to be overlooked by history, was the outcome of a stimulus to keep better records at one particular period. Seismic activity, during the years in which proper records have been kept, has been slightly fluctuating. In certain districts statistics show that earthquakes have increased in frequency and then decreased. In the ninth century in Central Japan earthquake frequency was at its maximum. From that time, century after century, violent shakings have become less frequent. In January, 1844, at Comrie, in Perthshire, twelve earthquakes are recorded, and after that date, month by month, the number became less and the same is found to be true wherever earthquakes occur, for when unnatural stress and strain has been removed a period of tranquility naturally follows.

IRISH AGRARIANISM. IRELAND seems to be no more easy of government to-day than twenty years ago and yet another instance is now afforded of Government's self-acknowledgment that while ordinary methods are of no avail they have no panacea to offer. Recently the Pope commented disapprovingly of the unrest in India. He might with more reason express the same sentiments with regard to Ireland, for it is an acknowledged fact that the Vatican seeks to keep England's friendship, even to strengthen and extend it. The Episcopal letter of the Archbishop of Tuam denouncing cattle-driving is somewhat late in appearing. One of the most important teachings of the Church, Catholic as well as Protestant, is obedience to constituted authority, but it is a well-known fact that much of the disorder in Ireland has been incited by Catholic priests, and it would be well, therefore, if Rome made an emphatic declaration in the matter. Meanwhile, for such a declaration does not seem probable in the near future, Ireland must suffer because Mr. Birrell is too timorous to adopt stern measures, to show that the spirit of sedition, for it is nothing less, cannot be tolerated in the jury box. The feeling of the country is summed up in a terse sentence in Reuter's telegram. "A number of graziers are now surrendering their lands." On the one side is recognition that it is hopeless to struggle for right when official help is weakly withheld ; on the other is jubilation that the outrages have been successful in instilling fear into the authorities. At one of the first of the trials it was stated for the Crown that heavy punishments were not sought, only such as might seem to act as a warning. But the day has gone when imprisonment carried a lasting stigma and to-day imprisonment for a "cause," always lauded in Ireland, is receiving world-wide approbation. Heavy punishments alone can be effective in Ireland and it would seem that some more effective method of administering justice must be speedily devised.

GOVERNMENT AND THE SEGREGATION CAMPS. WE trust the Government of Bombay will not allow any representation of the Municipal Corporation to influence it in its decision to remove the unsightly "health camps" from the Kennedy Sea-face. For years past they have been both unsightly and an insufferable nuisance, besides failing to answer the purpose for which they were intended. The site is absolutely unsuitable and the land in which the buildings were erected being all reclaimed soil, —undrained except perhaps in the most primitive way. Government ought never to have permitted the erection of the camps in the first instance. They are much too near the houses of the people segregated to prevent visits to infected areas. If, we have said before as, Government and the Corporation really wish to provide temporary accommodation for refugees and at the same time to solve the overcrowding problem, they will consider the offer we published a week or ten days ago, on the part of Mr. Chubildas Lalloobhoy, of many acres in the island of Salsette and elsewhere, and arrange with the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company for ways and means of carrying the refugees to and from their work.

A SCHEME for the concentration of leper relief in the Punjab is under consideration.

IT is proposed to extend the provisions of the Study Leave Rules to Uncovenanted Medical Officers.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. "China," from Japan, left Singapore for Bombay on the morning of the 3rd instant.

THE homeward bound Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. "Caledonien," from Bombay, arrived at Aden on Tuesday the 3rd instant at 10 a.m.

MR. P. S. SIVASAWMY IYER, Acting Advocate-General, Madras, has been nominated as an Additional Member of the Madras Legislative Council, in the place of the Hon'ble Mr. C. Sankaran Nair, resigned.

THE Survey Party which was fired upon in the Kyber region was engaged in again exploring the river route for the Loi-Sheilman Railway. It is not believed that any considerable number of tribesmen were concerned in the attack.

THE London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon" cabled on the 26th instant :—"Tea is firm, especially better qualities. Cocoa is difficult of sale, even at the reduction in price. Plantation rubber is in rather better demand. The quotations for hard fine Para is 3s. 4d. Mr. Tarbet estimates that notwithstanding the present depression, the average prices for the next two years will be near 4s. for fine Para, and 4s. 8d. for No. 1 Plantation rubber."

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Chidambaram :—"A man named Narayanassawmy Pandachi, while cutting some reeds for the purpose of plaiting mats, was bitten by venomous snake about three inches above the right ankle at Bonagarri on the 28th inst. at 9-30 a.m. Thus he was carried to the Municipal Hospital at Chidambaram, by some of his friends, who approached the spot on hearing his shouts. The sufferers died on his way to the Hospital and the snake was killed, which measured 21 feet in length and 6 inches in thickness."

THE man who assaulted Mrs. Moore at Gujrat on the 30th of October was brought up for trial before the District Magistrate of Lahore when evidence for the prosecution was recorded. The Civil Surgeon stated that he had the accused under observation and for some days the man refused food, did not sleep, was violent and appeared to have some religious mania. He was evidently in that state when he attacked Mrs. Moore. The accused denied having assaulted the lady and said one Syed gave him something to drink which made him intoxicated. The Magistrate taking the medical evidence into consideration has not framed any charge against the accused.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to "the Statesman" points out that the honour of sending the historic Mutiny message from Delhi, "the mutineers are in and I'm off," belongs indubitably to the late Mr. W. Brendish, M.V.O. Credit has been given for it to Mr. Charles Todd, a Calcutta La Martiniere boy, who was at the time Telegraph Master of Delhi. Todd, however, was killed by the 3rd Light Cavalry, while testing the line at the cable house near the Jumna Bridge, before the famous message was sent. The Delhi telegraph office was thus left in sole charge of two young signallers and while the City of Delhi was in a state of uproar and revolt, they remained on duty till about 2 p.m., when they took refuge with others at the Flagstaff Tower, which had been made a rendezvous. During the day they sent news constantly to Umballa of the reports of what was going on in the City, and Mr. Brendish was always proud to mention his last famous words, "The mutineers are in, and I am off."

A MOONLIGHT MARRIAGE IN KUTCH.

WHILE it is frequently true that Art is an improvement upon Nature, it does not follow that the imitation is invariably more pleasing than the reality. A nautch dance at the Alhambra in Leicester Square is one of the most fascinating spectacles it has ever been our fortune to witness, but a nautch dance beneath a Hindoo shamiana is the tamest thing the European eye can gaze upon. The nautch, therefore, is one of India's disappointments, one of the things in which the imitation easily excels the reality. But there are things in India which not only cannot be excelled, but cannot be adequately reproduced. For instance, here is a simple impression of a living picture of real life which we saw a few days ago, and which all the united efforts of Barnum and Bailey, Sanger, Forepaugh, and Mr. Collins, of "the Lane," would utterly fail to put together, whatever the cost.

Time : Midnight; and a full moon overhead. Place : Bhuj. The Picture : A great embrasured city wall, thirty-six feet high and half a mile long ; above the centre of the wall the Gothic roof and clock-tower of a feudal stronghold rises. At the foot of the wall a processional road lines a beautiful ornamental lake half a mile wide, in the centre of which figures a palm garden surrounded by white walls with dwarf towers at the corners. Those who have gazed upon the Ajmer lake will easily be able to appreciate this scenario. Against the brilliant blue of the starry eastern sky the contour of the great wall is throne up by a million lights. All round the stronghold, its towers and windows, and on every niche of the open stone balustrading around the lake buttees are placed. Every roof that shows darkly above the trees has its quota of lights. And above all, "God's eyes" twinkle, and the great moon throws down her silver sheen into the shimmering waters of the lake. Around the processional road winds a cavalcade, which at a distance appears an endless array of mounted banner-bearers : khaki clad police, stalking camels, gold-bespangled elephants, wealthy jagirdars in carriages, bandsmen, troops—Arabs and others, sacred bullocks,—some with their horns encased in others of solid gold—and mounted natives in hundreds. At the tail end of the cavalcade is a magnificent elephant, bearing upon his broad back half a dozen persons, all in the gayest of costumes. It is this elephant and its complement of turbaned dignitaries who are the cynosure of all eyes.

For in the forepart of the howdah sits a boy in his teens in a beautiful gold and cerise turban. He is the young Prince of Sirohi from Rajputana, and he is being conveyed up to the stronghold within the city walls to become the bridegroom of the great lord's daughter. And the bride's father is Khengarji II., Rao of Kutch. For thirty years has he reigned over the Land of Kutch—longer in fact, than any of his predecessors within the last two centuries, albeit he is still but forty years of age, and may live to see his country rise from the ashes of its centuries of ill-luck and wastrel rule. And as the bridegroom's procession passes over the draw-bridge of the lake, the big gun booms out from the great pile above, echoing again and again against the rocky hills that encircle the fortress, and rockets chase each other into the sky from half a dozen different points of the City.

Thus is celebrated the midnight wedding of the Kutchi princess and the Sihori prince. As for the procession, "Lord" George Sanger could duplicate it any day : but where he or any other showman would fail would be in the dazzling setting, in the glorious effect of the lake, the moon and the miles of buttees ; in the hundreds of thousands of stolid, squatting Rajputs, who are the most picturesque, as they are the most stalwart race in Western India. And the showman would fail still more signally to produce the feeling of seriousness about all this panoply of state—a seriousness easily impressed by the shock of the great gun booming momentarily over the uplands and marshes of Kutch to the very borders of Sind and Kathiawar—the feeling that Rajput history is in the making, that a nation's poor are being fed, and that Kutch, unknown though she be, has potentialities for the future.

It is impossible to enter Kutch and not become keenly interested in her destiny. Kutch is the most purely Native State in India. One hundred and eighty miles in length, Kutch often houses less Europeans than can be counted upon the fingers of one's hand. Like the poor, the British Resident is always there ; three or four British Officers are there too, and they regard themselves as superfluous, for a peaceful calm has settled over the land, and the native regiment which has for nearly ninety years occupied the camp at Bhujia is now reduced to four companies. Kutch is unknown to the tourist, and almost unknown to the traveller. This it owes to its inaccessibility. It can only be got at by sea or across the Run. After a day and a half's voyage from Bombay the visitor lands at Mandvi—and shuts himself off from letters and newspapers for a week ! From Mandvi the visitor proceeds to Bhuj, the Rao's capital. The distance is thirty-six miles, and must be made post chaise fashion, with a change of horses every nine miles. As the journey is up-hill most of the way, the adventurer into Kutch may think himself lucky if his horses can each do nine miles without going lame or winded. They didn't in the present writer's case, although a walk of five miles over the breezy uplands of Kutch is as health-giving as a sprint over the Downs at Epsom.

The climate of Kutch is very fine. There is vim in the morning bath ; and a crispness in the air which makes you want to run. This is why the Kutchis are so tall and big. There are not five hundred thousand of them in the country, so that the "Overcrowding Problem" is unkenned of amongst them. Their population seems fated to keep under the figure named. They have overtopped it, but only for a time. Kutch is a fair and smiling land, somewhat barren, very dusty, and riverless ; but every curse that fate can visit upon a people has been put upon the Kutchis. Perpetually pursued by the trouble of a vicarious monsoon, the Kutchis can always rely upon some other scourge to nullify the results of any good and seasonable rain that should happen to fall. A famine comes pretty regularly once every ten years. Then, if it isn't locusts, it's rats, if not rats, its ants ; if not ants' it's cattle disease ; if not cattle disease, it's frost, if not frost, it's root rot, from unseasonable rain. Even the gentle lark brings ill luck to Kutch. In 1877, when famine conditions prevailed, the larks scraped the seeds from the fields and helped up the ruin of the people. And if it isn't either of these things, its Plague, the worst scourge, of all. From 1817 there was no plague till it appeared in Bombay eleven years ago, and then Kutch was decimated once more. Now, happily plague as totally unknown in the country.

For a "clue" to all these misfortunes a glance at the history of the Kutchi people must be made. History has little that is good to say of the Rajputs who predominate in the country. They were brave in war, sometimes ; childishly proud ; and generally conscienceless. As a race the Rajputs were always the most thorough-paced murderers of their own offspring in India. Thirty years ago infanticide was as common as crows ; nowhere did the British Government in India find greater difficulty in suppressing this hideous crime than in Kutch ; and when you enquire if it is known now, the educated Kutchi wisely *mallum's nay, saheb*. In fact, the modern history of Kutch has been evolved through a welter of blood. The crimes of its princes and politicians and people are positively hideous in their malignity. As Sir John Malcolm said in his Minute in 1830, "the poverty and salubrity of Kutch combined with the wages and character of its foreign conquerors, the Jadejas, have led to more crimes and more acts of violence, injustice and atrocity being committed within the last century in this small and insulated country than in almost any part of the world with which we are acquainted."

There is, perhaps fortunately, no room here to catch any Dante-esque glimpses of the foul deeds which have stained the escutcheon of the Royal House of Kutch. The old black bloody days when Raos placed themselves in power by the simple slaughter of all their relatives, and when English Judges freely hung starving men for purloining the squire's coveys are gone for ever; and the dawn of a brighter and happier age has come. The key note to the modern progress of Kutch may be observed directly the capital is sighted. The first bungalow we noticed along the road bore on its gate-posts the sign "School of Art, Bhuj" in rude characters. For twenty-five years this admirable institution has pursued the even tenour of its way, doing a good work, and teaching the native craftsmen that British ideas of art should be left severely alone by the silver workers for whom Kutch is so well-known. Kutch, with a succession of good seasons, and no epidemic of disease, should have a boom. It has, we imagine, great possibilities in manufactures and agriculture, but the Kutchis are of the East Eastern, and want a lot of guiding. However, in the present piping times of peace things should look up. All Kutch wants is communications, and these are now being hurried on, so far as the term can be understood this side of Suez. The possibility of the Indo-Sind line being sent through Kutch has kept the State from venturing upon experiments in this direction for a quarter of a century, but now that it is decided to run the Sind line round by way of Radhanpur, Kutch is going ahead, and the new line to the port of Tuna has just been used for the first time for the conveyance of the Prince of Sirohi and his friends on the marriage visit to Bhuj.

And what of the Prince whose daughter has just been married ? In his case Kutch history has somewhat repeated itself, with, happily, excellent results. When the British Government began to administer the affairs of Kutch in 1819 it deposed the then Rao Bharmalji—a bad lot—and set up the young Desulji, whose education was superintended by a Rev. Mr. Gray, whom Sir John Malcolm refers to as "that respectable clergyman," and the result of the solicitous training of Desulji from his infancy by the cleric and the Resident, Col. Pottinger, was that Kutch entered upon a new era of enlightenment and progress. Desulji did many things which mark his career as beneficent. He did his best to end suttee and infanticide, the trade in slaves, while order was evolved in the State, and its wealth and resources developed. He never passed sentence of death if he could help it. He was a careful and painstaking Judge, and a staunch adherent of the British Raj. The same may be said of the Rao of to-day, Khengarji II who also, as a boy of ten began his reign, and from his birth was the object of solicitous care on the part of the Resident and his English tutors. In no State in India are the people more fervidly loyal to their ruler than the Kutchis to Rao Khengarji, and it is the object of his life to merit their regard. A gentleman in the best sense of the word, unaffected in demeanour, he succeeds in realising some of the noblest attributes of sovereignty. Sir John Malcolm nearly eighty years ago remarked :"The happiness of the people of a Native State depends entirely upon the character of their Prince." This dictum is thoroughly realised by Rao Khengarji ; and he strives conscientiously to so order his days and deeds that he will go down to posterity as the true Father of his People. The administration of a Native State can never fairly be regarded from the English standpoint, and we can only hope that the time will come when His Highness will take another view of the official corruption in his State than at present. However, personally, His Highness is a living testimony of the benefaction of British guidance in a Native State ; and there seems every reason to suppose that in, let us hope, the distant future, his life will be a pattern which all future Raos of Kutch will follow.

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BELGAUM NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BELGAUM, NOVEMBER 27.

The climate of Belgaum is delightfully cool and pleasant just now and visitors are fast coming in. His Excellency the Patriarch of Goa has been with us for a month and his stay is likely to extend for many more.

Many of your readers will be interested to learn that after all this District is to have the first Forest Tram line in the Presidency under the regime of Mr. Murray, the Conservator of the Southern Circle.

Two such lines have been traced, surveyed by Mr. A. M. Meyers, late of the Forest Department, from the Satnally Railway siding near Londa to Digagale village, a distance of about 4 miles. The average gradient being less than 1 in 50 and acceptable by the authorities, Government have sanctioned the requisite funds for its construction, and the work is to be given on contract to a European Firm at Rs. 8,000 per mile. The material will probably be 10 pound rails and the work is to commence at once. A tram line has been a long felt want by the Forest Department to exploit their inlying fuel reserves, and the far-seeing Conservator is keen on having this work in four months and recovering the expenditure in about two years. There is no reason why it should be not a paying concern since almost all the forests in this District are Railway fuel Reserves and realise the most revenue.

The boom for Manganese appears abating, and those capable of judging, I suppose, know why. But Dr. Boyce our local Physician of undoubted reputation, with his usual keeness for mineral enterprise, is ever to the front in these matters as will be evidenced in the interest he takes in his mining lands at Televadi. An idea of the place and work carried on here will no doubt interest your readers. Televadi is about 12 miles west of Gunji Railway station in the Khanapur Taluka and is situated near the frontiers of Goa. It is a tableland and has a Customs bungalow, office, several chaukies in the vicinity, a post office with about a dozen huts and 50 people making up the population of this "Chota Sanitarium." The climate is cool and healthy and in the hot weather the place is resorted to by District and other Officers who go there mostly for shooting. The forest, though not of the valuable kind one meets with at Nagargalli, is sparce on the flats and thickly wooded in the lower flanks and valleys with inferior timber, where Bison and Bear are found in great numbers. One hasn't to go far for Bull bison, as several have been shot from the Customs bungalow which is built on a Bison resort. Mr. Hughes the Superintendent of Post Offices shot a solitary bull last week not 50 yards away from the village, and a poor Customs Policeman was gored to death near the same place.

The management of the mines is under the Superintendence of Mr. A. Lyons, late of the S. M. Railway. Under him is an Italian miner and the work employs a large number of local men and coolies to remove the deposits.

NAVAL EXUBERANCE ON HITTING HARD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—One could scarcely blame Lord Charles Beresford or even Sir John Fisher, for their exuberance in prescribing a timely dose to all concerned who may provoke or disturb the British Island. The former is quite keen on "pulverising," and the latter on "hard hitting." Well our German friends have for years been dinning into British ears and the world as to where we could easily be pulverised. Also our cousins across the Atlantic, represented by some of their Admirals, have been indulging in a little sky-larking to let Europe, Asia and America know that the United States Navy could show wholesome lessons if put to the test ; and, now, we have fighting Bobby Evans who is about to proceed to the Pacific with the U. S. Fleet, proclaiming to the old and new world, that the cruise is meant for "Peace, frolic, or fight"—in fact for anything—which was promptly resented by the President. So these after-dinner exuberances must be taken in a friendly spirit, but it seems that Lord Charles Beresford is never so happy unless when engaged in the genial task of pulverising those who may entertain a Philistinish tendency towards his sea-girt Island, for the simple reason that the Navy's practical preparedness will pulverise it. Then again Sir John Fisher very playfully suggests to "hit hard, and to keep on hitting," at the same time opening expressly his profound admiration and pride for his brother Sailor—the Kaiser. The Vice President of the German Reichstag, perhaps in the same forlicsome humour, only the other day assured his hearers that the German Navy was twice as good as the British Navy for superior rapidity of firing, which is of course a bit personal, and will required a little modification at some very remote period as the British Thunderer, a month ago, put quite a damper on the Kaiser's determination to follow a more vigorous policy in Europe by frankly pointing out the "hopelessness of Germany attempting to rival Great Britain as a Naval Power."—Yours, &c.,

OBSERVER.

AMONG those who at the "First Church of Christian Scientists" in Sloane-square gave "personal testimonies of healing" was a lady from New York. Four years ago, she said, she was in a wretched state of health. She had undergone two operations without success, and had given up hope of ever getting better. When, however, she learned the truth through Christian Science, her weakness vanished, and Christian Science had brought happiness to her home, for her husband, who used to think of nothing but golf, had given that and other pleasures up, and they were united in thought and purpose. Another lady stated that she had been a great sufferer from laryngitis. When she adopted Christian Science she was cured in a night. "And now," she added, "I long to be on the top of St. Paul's to tell the world of this great truth."

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THE CRISIS IN AMERICA.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

Orientals and California.

MONEY MARKET EASY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

Advices from Washington state that Congress met, but the proceedings were of a formal character.

Mr. Cortelyon's estimates for 1908-9 amount to 776 million dollars, showing an increase of 77½ millions over 1907-8.

The Californian member of Congress, Mr. Hayes, showed President Roosevelt his Bill for restricting Oriental immigration.

President Roosevelt disapproved, Mr. Hayes nevertheless intends to push it on the ground that it accords with the sentiments of Californians.

LATER.

Telegrams from Washington state that Viscount Aoki has conferred with President Roosevelt and Mr. Root, relative to Japanse immigration. It is believed that he satisfied the Administration that it was unnecessary for Congress to legislate for the exclusion of Japanese.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

One and a half million dollars of gold have been engaged to-day for import into America.

LONDON DECEMBER 3.

Money is considerably easier.

A large parcel of gold has arrived from Germany and substantial arrivals are expected from India, Australia and Singapore.

There are general hopes of an early reduction of the bank rate.

CATTLE-DRIVING OUTRAGES.

Government Abandons Prosecutions.

EXEMPLARY MEASURES REQUIRED.

CATHOLIC APPEAL FOR ORDER.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

Five of the persons who were convicted of unlawful assembly in connection with cattle-driving, have been sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

There have been no further convictions. In Dublin the juries, yesterday, failed to agree on another batch of clear cases and the Crown has abandoned prosecution of a batch of fifteen on which three juries disagreed.

A number of graziers are now surrendering their lands.

The Catholic Archbishop of Tuam has written an Episcopal letter denouncing cattle-driving and appealing to the people to desist.

HEAVY WEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Gunner Moir Outclassed.

A POOR EXHIBITION.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

At the National Sporting Club, last evening the American, Tommy Burns, beat Gunner Moir at the tenth round in the Heavy Weight Championship of the World. The Stakes were £500 a side and a purse of £1,100.

Gunner Moir was outclassed and gave a poor display.

SITUATION IN ZULULAND.

Forces Fully Prepared.

PREPARATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

Reuter telegraphs from Pietermaritzburg that nearly two thousand troops will operate in Zululand.

The main force leaves to-day for Gingindhlova. Colonel Mackenzie and his Staff leave tomorrow.

A general rising is not expected, but preparations are being made to meet all contingencies.

COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Sixty Victims.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

Sixty miners were entombed by a colliery explosion at Mononahela.

It is believed that they have all been asphyxiated.

ASIATICS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Anti-Registration Movement.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

Telegrams from Johannesburg state that at a meeting of three thousand Asiatics the leaders urged continued resistance to the Asiatic Legislation.

All were prepared to go to gaol and close their stores.

THE VLADIVOSTOK MUTINY.

Wholesale Convictions.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

Twenty of the Vladivostok Mutineers have been sentenced to be shot and lesser penalties have been inflicted on 177 others.

H. M. S. "Pegasus," under the Command of Captain H. Christian R. N., arrived in harbour yesterday from Colombo, which port she left on the 30th November. She has come to Bombay for minor repairs and will shortly enter the dry dock.

THE PREMIER'S HOLIDAY.

Arrival at Biarritz.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, DECEMBER, 3.

Sir H. Camphell Bannerman has arrived at Biarritz.

THE SITUATION IN NATAL.

Reserves Called out

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

The first Reserves, consisting of unmarried men, between the ages of 18 and 30, have been called out in Natal to patrol the country.

GERMANISATION OF POLAND.

Violent Protests.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3

Noisy Anti-German demonstrations have taken place at Lemberg as a protest against the Prussian legislation in connection with the Polish provinces.

The Emperor William was burned in effigy, Prince von Bulow was denounced and the German Consul was threatened.

MR. TAFT IN RUSSIA.

To be Received by the Tsar.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

Mr. Taft has arrived in St. Petersburg. He will be received in audience by the Tsar at Tsarskoesel to-morrow.

AUSTRALIA AND WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Tenders Invited.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

A telegram from Melbourne announces that the Commonwealth Postmaster General has decided to invite tenders for the establishment of installations of wireless telegraphy round Australia to communicate with passing steamers.

THE DRUCE CASE.

Complicating Evidence.

LONDON, DECEMBER 3.

The Druce case is daily becoming more complicated. Two more witnesses swore that they saw Druce after the mock funeral, but cross-examination produces numerous stage contradictions.

BELGIUM AND THE CONGO.

Treaty of Annexation Signed.

LONDON, DECEMBER 2.

The Belgian and Congolese Plenipotentiaries have signed the Treaty by which Belgium takes over the Congo.

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Cocanada and Rajahmundry Disturbances.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 3.

At yesterday's meeting of the Madras Legislative Council several interpellations referred to the recent disturbances in Cocanada and Rajahmundry. Mr. H. Bradley, C. S. I., Chief Secretary, in the course of his various replies stated that Captain Kemp's conduct is under the consideration of Government. His explanation was received last week and Government deferred the consideration of his conduct while the cases arising out of the incident were "sub-judice."

The reasons which led the Government to quarter a Punitive Police force were the existence of disorder and unrest indicated by the actions and attitude of the people and the attack upon the Cocanada Club by a large mob.

By an Order in Council, dated 23rd November, 1907, the Government have decided to reduce the period during which a force is to be quartered in the town from two years to six months.

Mr. Bradley also said that the Punitive Police force quartered at Cocanada is likely to cost that town Rs. 20,000 per annum.

The existence of local disorder and danger to the public peace were the reasons which necessitated sending a body of troops to Rajahmundry.

In answer to a long series of questions put by the Hon. Mr. B. Narasamheswara Sarma anent Government Order, dated 18th June last, relating to the incidents which occurred in the Government College at Rajahmundry, Mr. Bradley replied that the facts as ascertained by Government showed clearly there had been grave breach of discipline and open defiance of duly constituted authority on the part of the students attending the Government College. It was, therefore, deemed necessary, as a salutary lesson, to pass, in the interests of school discipline, instructions for the punishment of all students who took part in the misconduct. Those students who had satisfactory explanations to give or who, on subsequent enquiry, were found to have been absent on the day on which the incident occurred, have been re-admitted into the College. Government are not prepared to re-open the inquiry.

LEAKAT HOSAIN'S APPEAL.

Order of Release.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 3.

The Criminal Bench of the High Court here made absolute to-day the Rule granted in the case in which Leakat Hosain appealed against the sentence of six months' imprisonment passed upon him by Mr. Kingsford, Chief Presidency Magistrate, for disobeying orders under Section 144 against his taking part in processions.

The grounds of appeal, it will be remembered, were that under the wording of the Act the case against an accused for breach of orders under this section must be tried by a Magistrate other than the one who passes the orders, which was not done in this case, the Chief Presidency Magistrate having both passed the orders and tried the case

Mr. Sinha, Standing Counsel, said that he could not support the Order of the Magistrate and asked for a re-trial of the prisoner, but the High Court Bench decided that he must be released, and this was accordingly done.

THE E. I. R. DISPUTE.

Election of Conciliation Board.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 3.

A Circular has been issued of yesterday's date over the signature of Mr. Dring, Agent, East India Railway, recapitulating the recent resolution of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the formation of a Conciliation Board and Government acceptance of same and continuing as follows:—

"With the approval of the Board of Directors, subject to an arbitrator being appointed for final decision in cases where the Conciliation Board is unable to arrive at a definte conclusion, the Agent has accepted the constitution of the Board of Conciliation to settle the disputes existing in regard to questions of rates of pay and duration of work including leave rules, contained in the:—

"(1). Representation from the Drivers of the Howrah-Jhajha District to the Locomotive Superintendent, received on the 6th of November.

"(2). Representation, dated 20th November, 1907, addressed to the Agent, signed by Mr. Engleken, and Guards Hayes, McGrath and West, as representatives of the Traffic Department "M" District.

"(3). Petition, dated 20th November, 1907, addressed to the Agent by twelve Ticket Collectors of Asansol.

"(4). Petition, dated 18th November, 1907, addressed to the Agent by six Yard Foremen of Asansol.

"(5). Petition addressed to the Agent by certain Gunner Guards.

"The Chairman of the Railway Board has approved of the following method of election of Delegates representing the employes:—

"The first representation is on behalf of the Drivers between Jhajha and Howrah and the remaining four contain requests by the Sub ordinate Traffic Staff of the Mineral District. It will be for the Driver Staff on the length named to elect their three representatives to the Board dealing with their representation and similarly for the Staff of Guards, Ticket Collectors, Yard Foremen, and Gunner Guards to elect their three representatives to the Board dealing with their requests.

"There will be forwarded by train to-morrow voting papers (specimen attached hereto) which are to be distributed; as to the Drivers representation to all European and East Indian Drivers, Shunters and Firemen at the stations of Jhajha, Madhupur, Dhanbaid, Sitarampur, Asansol, Ondal, Burdwan, Bandel and Howrah, and as to the Traffic Department to all European and East Indian Guards, Yard Foremen, Ticket Collectors and Gunner Guards on the "M" District, and acknowledgment taken therefor. These voting papers should be filled in, signed and returned to the Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce Calcutta. Addressed and stamped envelopes will be supplied by to-morrow's train together with the voting papers and will be issued by each Station Master or Locomotive Foreman to the men under him. Each voter should vote for three Delegates. The voting papers are to be filled in, signed and posted not later than the 8th instant. On receipt of the voting papers the voting will be counted and the names will be intimated on the declaration of the Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce, at the earliest possible date, of the representatives as elected by the three highest number of votes. The Board, as then constituted, will arrange the date of the meeting for disposal of the representations as shewn above.

"It will be arranged in order to secure final decision that should there be a majority of less than two-thirds on any point coming under consideration, a final arbitrator of independent and high position shall be appointed and the method of appointment of this arbitrator will be determined at the first meeting of the Conciliation Board.

"The Agent formally agrees to abide by the decision of the Conciliation Board or the arbitrator, if appointed, on the several points placed before them.

"Each Locomotive Foreman and Station Master concerned will forward to the Secretary, Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Clive Street, Calcutta, on the 8th instant, the names of the men on the several lists stated in para 5.

"Acknowledgment of the receipt of this Circular should be made to the Agent. Voting papers accompany the Circular and each man signing is asked to declare that he agrees to abide by the decision of the Conciliation Board or by the arbitrator, if appointed."

SUIT FOR DEMURRAGE.

Damages from Karachi Port Trust.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 3.

Yesterday Mr. Hayward, Additional Judical Commissioner, was engaged in hearing the suit filed by the Knight Steamship Company Ld., of Liverpool by their agents, Messrs. Cooper and Co., of Karachi, against the Karachi Port Trust for the recovery of Rs. 1,035-4-0 on account of damage sustained by plaintiffs owing to the detention caused to their vessel "Knight Bachelor" on 28th June, 1906, by the prosecution of the Captain of the vessel for an alleged offence under Rule 5 issued under Section 646 of the Indian Ports Act of 1889 in the City Magistrate's Court here by defendants.

Plaintiffs allege that as the direct and immediate result of this prosecution the vessel was detained in Karachi for a day, this detention to the extent of Rs. 1,035-4-0 being, one day's demurrage at 4d. per ton, net register 4,141 tons; that the prosecution resulted in the acquittal of the Captain and the Magistrate held the prosecution to be entirely unreasonable. The plaintiffs contend that the prosecution was entirely unjustifiable and unwarranted and was instituted without lawful cause and the Karachi Port Trust are responsible to plaintiffs for damages caused to them.

"The defendants deny that the detention of the vessel was the direct and immediate result of the prosecution and submit that the prosecution of the Captain was reasonable, proper and with lawful cause, and there ought have been a conviction; the order of acquittal by the City Magistrate was erroneous and improper both in law and facts. They also deny that the vessel sustained any loss or damage. The measure of damage is also disputed by defendants who further plead exemption from liability under Section 88 of the Karachi Port Trust Act. The evidence of Captain Finis, Commander of the "Kinght Bachelor," was taken on commission, as also evidence taken "de bene ease" of Mr. Munro, the pilot, and Captain Hood, Commander of the "Trafford Hall" was put in and further hearing was adjourned to to-morrow.

SIAMESE PRISONERS.

Appeal Dismissed.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, DECEMBER 3.

Mr. Justic Irwin, sitting on the Criminal Appellate side of the Lower Burma Chief Court, has summarily dismissed the appeals of Kremp and three other Siamese prisoners from the sentence of transportation for life passed on each of them by the Sessions Judge of Tenasserim for murdering a Siamese dacoit named Er.

A CORRESPONDENT of a morning paper has been putting to a practical test the statement made by a medical expert to Mr. Justice Darling that every one has one leg shorter than the other, which causes him to walk in a circle, and that "we walk in a straight line only because we fix our eyes on a point." The correspondent dispensed with the "guiding point." He attempted to walk along Fleet-street with his eyes closed—and found himsef lying in the gutter! He now agrees with the expert.

THE Duke of Argyll, speaking at a Highland bazaar at Glasgow, which was opened by Princess Louise, said it was born in every Briton to speak Gaelic, and in view of the enormous differences of the English language as spoken in London and elsewhere, he was constrained to think that one ought to go to Perthshire to learn the proper pronunciation. Gaelic was, indeed, a great help in speaking English properly, and in acquiring a sound knowledge of the history of the country.

LAHORE TELEGRAPHISTS' GRIEVANCES.

Proposals for Amelioration.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 3.

At a representative meeting of the Lahore Telegraph Subordinates held in the Telegraph Club when 71 out of a staff of 100 men attended, the remainder being on duty, their general grievances were discussed. The meeting was unanimously of opinion that all representation should be firm but temperate and respectful and that there should not only be no relaxation of their present arduous efforts to cope with the traffic but that each and all should endeavour to go one better.

The following grievances were noted, the Chairman giving the men of different grades and years of service an opportunity to speak:—

(1). Block in promotion and unfair extensions of service to Sub-Assistant Superintendents and First Grade Telegraph Masters.

(2). Chronic short-handedness resulting in overwork, compulsory over-time, ridiculously remunerated non or partial division of night watches, difficulty of obtaining leave and insufficient time for meals.

(3). Utter inadequacy of house and travelling allowances.

(4). Inadequacy of accommodation and furniture provided for those (especially heads of offices) compelled to occupy Government quarters.

(5). Excessive rates at which quarters are assessed an 18' by 14' room for instance representing Rs. 20.

(6). Smallness of initial and maximum salary.

(7). Frequent and unduly lengthy transfers.

(8). Frequent changes and summary withdrawals of Military Telegraphists leading to the upsetting of office arrangements.

(9). Utter hopelessness of advancement to anything beyond a Sub-Assistant Superintendentship; the bitterness in this connection accentuated by the fact that in a sister department men conducting routine duties may rise to salaries of Rs. 800 if not Rs. 1,000.

(10). Subordination of white headed, experienced and well-tried heads of important officers like Rangoon, Allahabad, Lahore etc., to offices in many instance younger than their own sons; tying the hands of these when in matter of expenditure for office needs to a single rupee and subjecting them to unnecessary humiliation in respect of their imprests.

(11). Excessive and unjust fines, as for instance, Rs. 8 for irregularities, or delay or non-delivery of a four-anna telegram; loss of a month or half a month's allowance for loss of a telegram. The tendency by some officers is to treat errors of this nature as "criminal" acts.

(12.) Non-grant of special allowances for special qualifications.

(13.) Non-institution of a Provident Fund in lieu of pension.

(14.) Insufficiency of arrangements for Medical aid for employes and their families.

(15.) Non-communication of detrimental remarks in Character Books at the time they are made rendering subsequent appeals difficult if not hopeless.

(16). Disallowance of house rent to Indians.

(17). Non-publication of statements of receipts and expenditure of the Fine Fund.

The following proposals were made:—

(1). Immediate increase of Staff by free recruitment and large employment of non-departmental Signallers and Military Telegraphists.

2. Initial salary Rs 60, a maximum of Rs 200 to be reached in 10 or 12 years.

3. Pie money not to be confined to particular lines.

4. Limit of pension period to be reduced to 25 years in view of the exacting nature of an Indian Telegraphist's work.

5 Special clerks for Wheatstones automatic to minimise the present excessive delays.

6. Special wires for handling Press traffic and so minimising the responsibility and harassment to which heads of offices and their assistants are liable.

7. Continuance of house rent to a man on temporary transfer who is debarred from taking his family with him.

8. Casual leave to be increased to 30 days and privilege leave to be available exactly as casual.

9. Food expenses and travelling allowances to be increased to the extent of covering actual cost. If a subordinate is not to make anything out of these allowances neither should he lose by them.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY.—Arrivals: December 3.—Lieut. Tweedie, R. F. A., from Rawalpindi.

Lieut.-Col. Fallon, R. A. M. C., from Aden.

Capt. Henderson, Adgt., Coorg and Mysore Rifles, to Mercara.

DEPARTURES: December 3.—Lieut-Col. Boileau, 5th Cavalry, to England.

Lieut-Col Bown, R. A. M. C., to Nowshera.

Major-General Hamilton, Staff, to England.

SOUTHERN ARMY ORDERS.

Staff.—Captain F. P. C. Keily, 25th Nahier's Rifles, to be Unpaid Attach at Southern Army Head-Quarsers, vsce Captain H. C. Wooldridge, 109th Infantry, vacated. Dated 22nd November.

75th Carnatic Infantry.—Major E. H. Boome, Double Company Officer, 88th Carnatic Infantry, to be 4th Double Company Commander, vice Major E E. Beddeck, retired. Dated 18th November.

80tt Carnatic Infantry.—Major A. J Campbell, 2nd Double Company Commander, 57th Wilde's Rifles (Frontier Force), is transferred in the same eapacity, vice Major C. E. H. Connell, appointed 2nd-in-Command. Dated 15th November.

Major C. E N. Priestley, 3rd and pro tem. 2nd Double Company Cemmander, 82 Punjabis, is transferred as 3rd Double Company Cmmander, vice Major A. F. P. Paxton, transferred to the 82nd Punjabis. Datsd 22nd October.

82nd Punjabis—Major A. F. P. Paxton, 3rd Double Csmmpany Commder, 80th Carnatic Infantry, is transferred in the same capacsty, and to be pro tfm. 2td Double Company Commander, vice Major C. E. N. Priestly, tansferred to the 20th Carnate Infantry. Dated 22nd October.

Major W. J. P. Kaye, 2nd Double Company Com mander, 87th Punjabis, to officiate, in a similiar capacity pending absorption, vice Major A. F. P. Pax ton, ou leave. Dated 22nd October.

43rd Erinpura Regiment.—Lieutenant A. G. McC. Cole, Double Company Offieer, 112th Infantry, to be a Double Company Officer, vice Lieutenant W. D. McN. Rathborne, transferred to the 114th Mahrattas. Dated 16th November.

107th Pioneers.—Lieutenant J, E. C. Carlisle, Double Company Officer, 114th Mahrattes, to be a Double Company Officer, vice Lieutenant J. V. M. Biscoe, transferred to the 112th Infantry. Dated 16th November.

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER, 3.

Major E. B. England, 10th Battery Royal Field Artillery, embarked for duty in India on 20th November, 1907.

Approval has been given to the resignation of his commission by Lieutenant T. Bouch, 10th Hussars.

Lieutenant Campbell, 89th Company Royal Garrison Artillery, is appointed to No. 31, Mountain Battery.

The following Officers have been selected for the Burma Civil Police:—Lieutenant Percy Smith, 19th Lancers, Lieutenant Macdonald, 86th Punjabis, Lieutenant Finnis, 92nd Punjabis; Lieutenant Presott, 69th Punjabis.

Colonel J. G. Young, Assistant Adjutant General, Quetta Division, assumed command of the Ferozepore Brigade on 1st December and Colonel Mc Cracken took over the duties of Assistant Adjutant General, Quetta, on the same date.

THE Mahomedans of Rangoon have, by a Resolution, unanimously adopted, tendered their grateful thanks to the Viceroy and the Secretary of State for India for granting seperate Mahomedan representation on the Secretary of State Council and have sent their congratulations to Syed Hoosein Belgrami on his nomination to the India Council.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ON CHRISTMAS-BOXES.

Suspension of Kessler's.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 15.

THIS Christmas will be the first to fall under the Prevention of Corruption Act, which came into force on January 1 last. Referring to a public announcement to the effect that tradesmen in a certain district had agreed no longer to give Christmas-boxes to their customers, a correspondent of the "Solicitors' Journal" has pointed out that there is nothing in the Act to make Christmas-boxes to customers illegal so long as the transaction is between principals and principals. If, however, the gift is from a principal to his customer's employe it will probably be held to be indirect bribery and "corrupt" within the meaning of the Act, unless it can be shown that the gift has been made with the knowledge and sanction of the second principal. Some firms have decided to allow their employes to receive Christmas-boxes. It is to be hoped that this practice will not become general, for Christmas-boxes to the employes of customers were one of the very things which the Prevention of Corruption Act was designed to abolish.

The demand for turpentine during recent years has been rapidly increasing, and in view of the increased call on this commodity for the manufacture of synthetic camphor it seems probable that unless economy in the production of turpentine is practised the demand will far exceed the supply. The Forest Service of the United States Government thoroughly understands the position, and has just issued a circular deprecating the wasteful destruction of turpentine trees. The circular states that "in fifteen or twenty years, at the present rate of cutting, the supply of the long-leaf yellow pine of the South, one of America's most useful trees, will be nearly exhausted." The turpentine of the yellow pine costs at the present time the equivalent of 2s. 4d. per gallon, while at one time it could be purchased for 1s. 3d. per gallon, these prices being for large wholesale quantities. "In face of these fast-increasing prices," continues the circular, "people are still found who say that there is yet an inexhaustible supply of yellow pine in the South and that all talk about famine is unwarranted. Such statements are not justified by conditions, and the yellow pine lumbering industry will soon be in the face of a serious shortage unless decided changes are made in the present methods, and unless valuable products now going to waste are utilised. . . . There are at present in the woods of the South vast quantities of pine logs and tall stumps left as a result of careless lumbering in the past. This material is rich in turpentine, and could be made to yield from ten to fifteen gallons of refined spirit per cord. . . . A conservative estimate of the actual amount of turpentine alone which could be produced from the waste wood of one year would place the amount at not less than thirty million gallons." This represents an amount almost equal to the present annual production of gum spirit in the United States.

From the Collector General's report on the trade of Jamaica for the financial year 1906-7 it appears that there has been a general increase in the customs revenue, but it is pointed out that as a result of the Kingston disaster of January 14 a proportion of the imports during the latter part of the year represents debits to capital and that this will continue to affect the import trade for some time to come. The imports are grouped in three classes viz. (1) food-stuffs and drinks, (2) coal, and (3) textiles, metals, and other materials. Of class 1 the United Kingdom has this year supplied 20·4 per cent. the United States 52·8 per cent. and Canada 22 per cent. Of class 2 the shares are:—United Kingdom, 31·2 per cent; United States, 60·9 per cent; and Canada, 1·4 per cent. In the first class Canada has in three years made some progress at the expense of the United States; in the second class America has turned the tables upon us, for in 1904-5 she had only 36·7 per cent. of the trade, whilst we had 61·8 per cent. The value of these two classes together is however, considerably less than that of the third class of imports, of which the United Kingdom contributes by far the largest share. The totals and proportions in this group for the last three years are as follows:—

	1904-5 £	Per cent	1905-6 £	Per cent.	1906-7 £	Per cent.
United Kingdom	583,461	65	728,326	66	836,911	64
United States	285,662	32	325,566	29½	408,296	31
Canada	3,537	½	9,062	1	13,609	1
Other countries	23,570	3½	38,120	3½	46,213	4
Totals	896,230		1,101,083		1,305,029	

Of the export trade from Jamaica the United States has more than half, but during the last two years the United Kingdom and Canada have somewhat increased their respective proportions of the whole.

The condition of the textile machinery and motor-car industries presents an interesting contrast in methods of dealing with a sudden expansion of trade. Two or three years ago the demand for motor-cars suddenly increased at an extraordinary rate. Nearly all the manufacturers, carried away by the boom in their business, hastened to build immense factories to deal with it. As might have been expected, although the demand continued to increase, the rate of increase was by no means kept up, and this year motor-car makers are left with large stocks of costly cars on their hands. The textile machinists have had a similar rush of orders, but one does not hear of any textile machinery factories being erected four or five times the size of the existing ones. The machinists prefer to extend slowly, and people who want textile machinery must wait for delivery until existing works can catch up to their orders. They are not to be caught as the motor-car makers have been with a huge output and a poor demand.

A question of considerable interest to the retail oil trade is whether the tendency to shrinkage in the consumption of oil which has been noticeable of late his permanent or temporary. The "Oil and Colour Trades Journal" gives some figures to show that probably during this year the trade will be found to have remained stationary. There has been some increase in the receipts of American oil, but this has been counterbalanced by a decrease in receipts from Russia. In both 1905 and 1906 considerably less oil was being used. The price during those years was for the most part over 6d. per gallon in barrels at the ports of entry, and this rate is considered by the trade to be fairly moderate. When, however, burning oil goes much above this limit the competition of the "slot" gas-meter begins to tell. During the present winter the wholesale price will probably range between 7d. and 7 1/2d. for American oils, and possibly this may lead to a smaller consumption in all our large towns. The tendency, in any case is to use less and less oil for heating and cooking, and before very long the only large consumption will be in illumination. The total quantity of illuminating oil used in Great Britain in the course of the year ranges from 150 to 170 million gallons, but in 1903-4 it was not far short of 200 million gallons. Of course any rapid falling off in the consumption would lead to prompt measures being taken to stimulate the use of oil for lighting, since producers must get rid of this part of their petroleum products, and the prices obtained for spirit would enable them to sell it much cheaper than at present.

The suspension of payment by Messrs. Kessler and Co., Limited, one of the best known export houses in Manchester, has come as a disagreeable surprise, and, whether or not it is closely related to the financial crisis of which we have heard so much, it will suggest that the effects of this are far-reaching. Quite recently it was stated that the failure of a New York house with which it was supposed that Messrs. Kessler had dealings would not affect their position, but now it is understood that they have intimate relations with this house and that they hold securities to a large extent in New York on the realisation of which will depend the condition of the estate. While it can hardly be supposed that such a firm as Messrs. Kessler and Co. would suspend payment if they had a clear surplus of realisable assets, it may be hoped that the more favourable reports of their condition are correct.

Following the long series of fire insurance amalgamations which have reduced the number of competing tariff companies during the last year or two by something like 50 per cent, the creation of new offices, working upon independent lines, might have been regarded as inevitable. The public expectation of such a result has not, by any means, been disappointed. Excluding from consideration some insignificant promotions, which can hardly be regarded seriously, nearly a dozen new non-tariff offices have come into existence; while, at the same time, half that number of companies transacting other kinds of insurance business have added fire insurance to their programmes. There are now over fifty companies working upon non-tariff lines; and, considering that some of these are well backed, and that the aggregate subscribed capital amounts to some millions sterling, the situation suggests competition of a formidable kind, which the old offices, about thirty in number, cannot ignore. It goes without saying that the latter are on their guard against the active opposition which now confronts them; but it would be a mistake to imagine that there is anything approaching a panic in their ranks, inasmuch as they realise fully the superior strength of their position. It is not only that they have larger resources and an established reputation; but the compact nature of the tariff combination, with all its advantages of co-operation and mutual support renders the position which they occupy well nigh impregnable. At present the non-tariff offices are merely isolated units, each fighting for its own hand, and it has been suggested that the "non-tariffs" should form a union of their own. This, it is objected, would mean a reversal of their profession of independence. But, on the other hand, it need not imply a common basis of rating, but simply a scheme of mutual support, especially in the direction of re-insurance, for the old offices are in a position to accept, on individual risks, large lines to which, in existing circumstances, no single non-tariff company can approximate. In the absence of some such arrangement, it is feared that before long the position of some of the new comers may prove to be untenable.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

Budget Estimates for 1908-09.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Joseph Baptista presiding.

On the application of the Municipal Commissioner the Committee resolved to recommend the Corporation to sanction the cost of Rs. 6,924 to replace the existing 3-inch water main in Bapu-Khote street by a 5-inch main. The Committee also recommended the Corporation to sanction a grant of Rs. 17,549 to provide a storm water drain in the southern part of De Lisle road for dealing with the surface water of this area and to fill up the water courses.

The Chairman inviting views of the members. on the budget estimates for 1908-09, Mr. A. M. Todd opened the debate. He was strongly in favour of doing away with the sugar duty for he thought that sugar was as much a necessary of life as grain. This duty was vexations to the trade, which was greatly hampered by the way in which the duty was levied. It was a duty from which the traders as well as the consumers both suffered, the latter more so. He quite agreed with Mr. Wadia that the rate charged to the mills for the water supplied to them was too high.

Sir Sassoon David also thought that a reduction in the water-rate charged to the mills was neceseary.

Mr. Dwarkadas Dharamsey urged that the rate charged to the mills for water supplied to them for drinking purposes should be placed on the same level with that charged for domestic purposes. It was only fair and equitable to do so.

Mr. Manmohundas Ramji thought that the water-rate levied on the mills could not be reduced without crippling the supply to the people for domestic purposes. He suggested that the millowners should submit to the Corporation a scheme guaranteeing a limited consumption of water. They should also assist the Municipality in the matter of duplicating the Tansa Main.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin said that instead of swelling their surplus balances it was desirable to give some relief to the taxpayers. He was, however, afraid that the practical effect of reducing duty on grain would be nil, and the benefits would never filter down to the poorest.

The Commissioner said that with a view to meet the wishes of the millowners he was prepared to alter the figures for the water rate charged to the mills and trades in such a manner as to reduce the rate from 10 annas to 8 annas per thousand gallons, and make a corresponding increase of one-eight per cent. in the water tax charged on the rateable value of properties.

Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtoola said they would pay the highest compliment to the Commissioner if they passed the budget estimates as submitted by him with alterations which he now proposed to make.

Mr. James MacDonald said that now that they would have the administration of primary education in Bombay all to themselves, it would be necessary to consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of the teachers employed in the primary schools.

Consideration of the budget estimates in details was then adjourned.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman said that as it was the last time that the Commissioner was with them at their Committee meeting he would take that opportunity on behalf of the Committee to wish him health, wealth and prosperity. They might well take the credit of having anticipated such splendid administration from Mr. Edwardes, whilst others apprehended the results of that administration. It was satisfactory to find that they were all unanimous in the opinion that it was a most successful administration. (Applause)

SIR H. McMAHON'S TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, DECEMBER 3.

The Hon Sir Henry McMahon, Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan, is expected to arrive from Quetta this evening and to leave for his tour in Las Bela on Thursday the 5th instant, accompanied by Major Bent, Political Agent at Kelat, Colonel Sykes, P. M. O., Baluchistan, Captain A. L Jacob, 1st Assistant to A. A. G., Captain Maxwell, A. D. C., Captain Barrot, Registration Officer, Lieutenant James, Commanding Escort.

The following is the programme of the tour:—

Arrive Naka 5th. Sonmeani 6th. Uthal 7th. Wyaro 8th. Las Bela 9th, where a halt will be made till 11th. Sheh will be reached on 12th. Sonmeani 13th, whence they will return by sea arriving here on the 15th instant.

QUETTA, DECEMBER 3.

The Hon'ble Sir Henry MacMahon left by yesterday's Down Mail, on a prolonged tour to Las Bela the Mekran, and the Gulf via Karachi and is not expected back till after Christmas.

THE NEW COINAGE SWINDLE.

Area of Operations Widening.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 3.

During the last few days a party of swindlers has been visiting Saharanpore, Muzaffarnagar and Cawnpore spreading a rumours regarding the new nickel coinage and also regarding the copper coinage. One rumour is that the nickel coinage is being recalled by Government and the other that the copper coinage bearing the King's head has a large proportion of gold in it. Both rumours are spread with the intention of giving the particular coinage a fictitious value. Some of the party buy the coins at high prices, establish a demand for them and by their example induce Bunniahs and others also to buy in the coins. Others of the party take advantage of the demand, so created, to sell nickel anna pieces and copper pice of recent issue at high prices.

A NOVEL penalty was imposed by Mr. Montagu Sharpe, the Brentford magistrate, on a schoolboy who had damaged a tree belonging to the Ealing Corporation. He ordered the boy to provide another tree and to plant it himself. "If the children of this country were brought up like those in Germany and Switzerland, and taught to plant trees in the public highway," Mr. Sharpe remarked, "there would be less of this wanton destruction."

AN actress in Paris received the following from an admirer whom (the "Telegraph" says) she had never seen: "Mademoiselle, I should like to send you flowers, but in this benighted neighbourhood I am reduced to this wretched box of chocolates, I hope you will eat them and think of me. You would give me the greatest pleasure by coming after the performance to supper with me. If you agree, blow your nose on the stage, and I shall understand. —Your devoted——."

THE KASHMIR POWER SCHEME.

(Concluded from yesterday's "Bombay Gazette.")

THE Kashmir Hydro-Electric Power Scheme has made great progress, and it is confidently anticipated that within a year from date, it will be, in so far as the first installation is concerned, *un fait accompli*.

The following brief descriptive account may be of interest:—

In 1904 at the special invitation of the Kashmir Durbar Major de Lotbiniere, R.E., C.I.E., by whom the Cauvery Power Installation (the pioneer scheme of this nature in the East) had been recently brought to a brilliantly successful issue, visited Kashmir to investigate and report upon the possibilities of water power development, in the territories of H. H. the Maharaja.

As the result of preliminary investigations, and survey work extending over several months, Major de Lotbiniere recommended the harnessing of the Jhelum in the vicinity of Rampur, where the conditions were found to be more favourable than at any other point.

The river here falls at the rate of about 70' per mile, thus affording a working head of 400' with a supply channel of less than 7 miles, natural features at the same time providing other requisite essentials, in the form of suitable sites for the Forebay and Power House, &c.

Rampur is furthermore very centrally situated as regards that portion of the Jhelum river exploitable for power development, and is but 15 miles below Baramoola and 55 from Srinagar.

The limits of the Power Works extend from Baniar, at mile 85 on the Jhelum Valley Road, where the Intake or Head work is located, to Mohora, mile 78, the site of the Power House.

Preliminaries having been settled, and Major de Lotbiniere's proposals and recommendations accepted, the services of that officer were placed at the disposal of the Kashmir Durbar by the Government of India early in 1905, and by the end of May work upon construction had actually commenced.

It was decided to at once construct River and Channel works of capacity sufficient for the development of 20,000 H. P. with the Power House containing accommodation for about half that quantity, the first installation to comprise four units of 1,000 Killowatts each, about 5,300 H. P. in all, and future extensions or installations, to be added as required. The Head work or Intake is situated opposite the ancient temple on the Jhelum Valley Road at Baniar, and the supply channel (6¼ miles) runs thence via Rampur and Chananwari, to the power station at Mohora.

This channel, which has a capacity of nearly 600 c. ft. per second, consists of about 9,000 ft. of masonry lined duct through boulder soil, the remaining portion (25,000 ft.) taking the form of the rectangular wooden flume of the type ordinarily used in America. The adoption of wooden flume (here of deodar, so prolific in Kashmir) on so large a scale is necessitated by the nature of the hill-sides along which it runs, thus leaving the Engineers no other alternative.

The construction of this channel and flume presented many difficulties, all of which have apparently been most successfully overcome. In the comparatively short length of 6¼ miles, there are some 30 chains of deep cut and cover, 6 rock tunnels aggregating 2,100 ft., 5 aqueducts of 80 ft. span, over streams and deep gorges, several minor aqueducts and several protective works against avalanches in the shape of heavy crib-work overshoots, snow sheds, etc. Owing to steep hill-sides above, it has been necessary to roof the channel and flume, practically from end to end, to preclude all possibility of earth, etc., being carried into it.

A large settling or silt basin has been provided as near the head-works as possible through which the channel flows. Here the velocity of the water will be reduced from some 8 ft. to less than 1 ft. per second for about 10 minutes, which should efficiently clear the supply of silt during periods of turbidity in the river. A small suction dredger will clear the bed of the basin, which is 4 ft. below that of the channel, as required.

Through the rock tunnels, encountered on the flume line, the water will, in cases where the rock is perfectly sound, be passed direct, but where this is not the case, the wooden flume will be carried continuously through them.

It may be mentioned in passing that the quantity of deodar timber used in the construction of the wooden flume will be about 650,000 c. ft. This, together with the poles for the transmission line, has all been obtained from the local forests.

The grade of the channel, which is constant throughout, is 105 ft. per 1,000, or about 5½ ft. per mile, the river here meanwhile falling at the rate of over 70 ft. per mile as already stated.

The dimensions of the masonry-lined channel are 11 ft. width and 8 1-2 ft. to 9 1-2 ft depth, those of the wooden flume being 8 ft. 4 in. and 8 ft. 6 in. respectively. Depth of flow at full supply for 20,000 H. P. will be 8 ft.

Arrived at Mohora the channel debouches into the "forebay," a kind of regulating tank situated on the lower steps of a piece of tableland, overlooking, and some 450 ft. above, the Jhelum at this point. The forebay contains the usual compartments isolating each pipe inlet, ample waste weir sill, over which all surplus water passes to an adjacent nullah on the flank, and thence to the river again below the power-house, and grids of iron bars effectually intercept all floatable matter, and prevent their ingress to the inlets. Through the outer or front wall of the forebay, and down face of the steep hill-side, the steel pipes or penstocks convey the water to the wheels in the power-house, before reaching which they pass beneath the main cart-road.

The pipes, of which there are four, are of riveted and welded steel, the diameters 36 in. and 30 in. at top and bottom of the lines respectively, and length of each approximately 750 ft, the fall or head being, as previously mentioned, 400 ft.

The water having done its work upon the wheels, to which the generators are directly coupled, passes through short tail races below the floor to a common spill channel and thence to the rapids, some 5 chains beyond the downstream end of the power-house.

The latter is an imposing structure in granite and redbrick, standing between the cart-road and the left river bank, from the edge of which it is about 150 ft. inland.

It is a double-gabled building, about 190 ft. × 86 ft. and 60 ft. in height. It has a self-contained workshop and travelling crane of 25 tons, capacity. The transformers as well as the generators, are located in this building, all switchboards and regulating apparatus, ect., being accommodated on a gallery 20 ft. above main floor level.

Each of the four units now being installed comprises a 1,000 k. w. generator, coupled direct to an Abner Doble needle nozzle water wheel of the improved Pelton type, the latter being of 1,765 H.P. Two exciters with their direct coupled water wheels and a motor-generator set, with 6 transformers, complete the present installation.

The transmission line, now well advanced, consists of a double line to Baramoola (21 miles) and single line for the present, thence to Srinagar, a further distance of 33 miles. The pole structures are of the gallows type, each comprising two verticals 35 ft. in length with two cross-arms. These are spaced on an average at 250 ft. apart, and carry a telephone line on a small cross-arm suitably placed below the lower main cross-arm.

The tortuous course of the river necessitates many crossings, of which there are some 14 in the 21 miles of line between Mohora and Baramoola. Thence to Srinagar the valley opens out, and the country traversed is comparatively easy. Substantial wire nets have been constructed below the line wires at every point where these cross the public road for the prevention of accident from a falling wire.

The system is for alternating current, 3-phase, frequency 25, delivered at 60,000 volts, the generating voltage being 2,300.

The pressure (60,000) is the highest at present in use upon long distance transmission in India. The transformers have, however, been designed for delivering at 30,000 or 60,000 volts as may be required, and it is probable that for some time to come the system will be worked at the lower voltage.

The sub-station at Srinagar, which is located in the State Silk Factory enclosure, is almost finished. Here the voltage will be reduced to working limits by means of the usual step-down transformers.

The sub-station at Baramoola is somewhat of a novelty, being a floating one, so designed to enable it to follow the dredging fleet as required, the power being received and distributed by means of flexible cables from the feeder lines on the river bank to the transformers in the floating sub-station, and thence to the dredgers themselves.

The whole of the power available from the first installation will be absorbed by the requirement of the dredging operations, and those of the State Silk Factory, where the electric current will be used for heating the filature basins, of which there are several thousand in use.

This latter is an interesting and unique feature of the scheme, inasmuch as it is the first time that electric heating has been adopted in the Silk Industry, in any part of the world, and the same may be said as regards the operating of the huge Dipper dredge, which will also be the first of its kind to be so a treated.

The lighting of Srinagar will, it is understood, be shortly taken up, but this, of course, is quite a side issue, and will utilise but a comparatively insignificant amount of power from that available.

The dredging project, of which some accounts have recently appeared in connection with the launching ceremonies under the auspices of H.H. the Maharaja, is also due to that indefatigable Engineer, Major de Lotbiniere, C. I. E., upon whose recommendations it has been undertaken.

Baramoola has for the last eight months presented a scene of extraordinary activity, and the hulls of the whole dredging fleet, some 14 vessels in all, are now nearly completed, and most of them already in the water. Meanwhile the plant and machinery to be installed in them has been regularly arriving at site, and it is hoped that the erection and fitting of the same will make great strides during the forthcoming winter. The

dredging operations, which will extend for a distance of over 20 miles, commencing from just below Baramoola, will, it is anticipated, so improve the regime of the Jhelum as to reclaim some 100,000 acres of highly fertile land, which, under existing conditions, is almost perpetually inundated, and so practically useless.

Oil and woollen mills are, among the other industries, likely to follow the establishment of cheap power in the State in the near future.

Nothing appears to have been definitely settled with regard to the Kashmir Railway; but this must come, and that at no distant date, when, as we have been already assured, H. H. the Maharaja is anxious to see this most essential and shortly to be perhaps indispensable, improved communication within his territories.

The cost of the Power Scheme will, it is understood, be about 50 lakhs, and the increase of revenue due to the dredging operations alone will, if anticipations are realized as they doubtless will be, afford the State a good return upon the outlay.

The whole of these vast works are being carried out under the direction of their originator, Major de Lotbiniere, C.I.E., the head of the newly organized Kashmir Electrical Department, as Chief Engineer, the actual work of construction being entrusted by him to a staff of experts whose qualifications in their respective lines would place them in the front rank of their profession in any country.

Lieut. J. C. Hunter, the Resident Engineer, held the same important position during the construction of the Cauvery Power Installation; but in this case he has had to face problems far more difficult than those presented by the Cauvery work. The treacherous nature of the hillsides, the heavy winter snows and avalanches, and the labour difficulties, all tended to render the execution of the work most arduous.

Mr. A. C. Jewett, the Electrical Engineer, is also a Cauvery veteran, and has found his experiences in Mysore mild in comparison with his present task.

The construction and equipment of the Dredging Fleet are under the superintendence of Mr. L. A. Desy, C. E., a Canadian, whose experience and proficiency in dredging work have already won him a high position in Canada.

In conclusion, H. H. the Maharaja of Kashmir is to be heartily congratulated on the enterprising spirit he has shown in embarking upon these gigantic undertakings, embracing, as they do, the latest developments of modern science. May the results fulfil to the utmost his most sanguine expectations, and prove a lasting benefit to his subjects and the beautiful country of so elightened and broad-minded a potentate.

The Kashmir Durbar anticipates that towards the end of next year, 1908, it will have a large supply of electric power at its command in Srinagar.

The Durbar desires that the city of Srinagar should be given an electric lighting system. The Durbar is therefore prepared to grant a concession on terms to be mutually agreed upon to a Company, consisting of Indian gentlemen, for a supply of power for both an electric lighting system throughout the city and its suburbs, and eventually an electric tramway system.

Intending applicants for the purchase of electric power power to be applied to carrying out the concessions referred to, should address themselves to the Works Minister, Jammu.

INDIAN TRADE IN OCTOBER.

The official accounts of Indian trade for the month of October, which have just been published, strike a note to which we have not been accustomed for some time past, writes the "Pioneer" Commercial correspondent at Calcutta inasmuch as there is a comparative shortage in the value of the exports for the month. The total of merchandise is given as Rs. 14,46,03,433, which shows a shortage on last year of Rs. 113¼ lakhs, treasure also being in defect by some Rs. 9¼ lakhs. For the seven months, however, the preponderance of the earlier figures prevails, and the total improvement for that period amounts to more than Rs. 1,700 lakhs. Looking at the diminished values of almost all raw materials, and the extremely dull trade conditions, which have prevailed here for the past two months, some decline was expected, and as a matter of fact it is mainly provided by jute, which has so long swelled the exports totals. Shipments of this in October were less in quantity by some 25 per cent. and in value by about 45 per cent. America and the United Kingdom being the defaulting customers, other markets buying fairly freely. The total shortage in tons is 8,500 in all directions, for the seven months, and in value more then Rs. 2 crores, all of which accumulated last month. Subsequent jute returns will tend still further to lower the value of exports, and jute goods will also be less both in quantity and value. These latter were quite well maintained for October, an increase being shown of 16¼ lakhs, and though the number of bags sent away was smaller, owing chiefly to the failure of the demand from Australia, on account of the defective harvest, more cloth was taken by the Argentine Republic, which compensated for the shortcomings of the United States. The total shortage under the various articles comprised in the raw material section is nearly 50 per cent. of last year's figures, the contributors besides jute being cotton Rs. 14 lakhs, hides and skins Rs. 42 lakhs, coal Rs. 3 lakhs, and gunnies some Rs. 4 lakhs, seeds standing alone as showing a surplus of Rs. 22 lakhs. With the exception of jute good and skins, the values of manufactured good are all with the minus sign the total shortage under this head being Rs. 6¼ lakhs of which cotton goods, chiefly yarn, provide two-thirds. China continues but a very indifferent customer to India, her bill for the seven months being nearly Rs. 2 1/4 crores short of that of 1906, and nearly Rs. 3 crores short compared with 1905 The Western markets have not been such good buyers of late but it will be impossible to replace China, and this makes the prospects of the Indian mills so uncertain, having to depend on one market. The hide trade for a long time past has been dull, but no doubt those engaged in it have a lively recollection of the last famine, during which they derived the somewhat melancholy satisfaction of enormous profits, and these may recur before long. The shipments for October were only one third of those in the previous year and the shortage in value more than two-thirds. Articles of food, etc, provide the best returns, the surplus under this head being Rs. 119 lakhs, and that in spite of a shortage of Rs. 1 1/2 lakhs in tea. That grain and pulse should be exported on a much, larger scale in this famine year is somewhat of an anomaly, the exports of rice being 90,000 tons against 50,000 of wheat. 124,000 tons against 70,000 and of other kinds of 21,000 tons against 13,000, the total increase of value being about Rs. 126 lakhs. Java took 17,000 tons of rice as agains only 100 tons last year, but the best customers were, a usual, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, and Japan. The trade in manganese ore was well maintained, but I understand that of late there has been a very much diminished demand, so this line will likely go to swell the list of deficits. Gold to the extent of 51,000 ounces, value Rs. 29¼ lakhs, was exported on private account, all practically to the United Kingdom, and silver valued at Rs. 18 3/4 lakhs, of which only Rs. 5,000 worth was on Government account to Mokran and Sonmiani.

On the import side the value has been better maintained all through, and there is an improvement shown of Rs. 127 lakhs in merchandise, but a shortage of Rs. 103 lakhs in treasure, the result of smaller imports of gold. In spite of all that is said and done to the contrary cotton piece-goods come into the country quite freely, the nett surplus under this head being Rs. 51 lakhs over 1906 and Rs. 76 lakhs over 1905, the only shortage being in cotton yarn, and this, I am given to understand, is imported chiefly by the Bombay mills for use in the manufacture of Swadeshi, cloth, the home spun yarn, being too coarse for certain purposes. Of cotton piece-goods the imports for the seven months are in excess over 1906 by Rs. 361 lakhs, and over 1905 by Rs. 358 lakhs, and other manufactures of cotton are also well in excess. Other lines in this section show the usual excesses, except matches, which for once in a way have been imported on a less scale, owing to short supplies from Belgium; Japan and Sweden, sending forward a a full average quantity. Glassware is also in some defect Germany in this case being the short supplier, but there is unfortunately no reason to suppose that indigenous industries will benefit by this relief. The grand total of manufactured articles is Rs. 611 lakhs, and of raw materials imported only Rs 54 lakhs, an amount that varies very little from year to year, coal, timber, silk, and precious stones being the component parts. Imports of mineral oil are slowly creeping up month by month, the value for the seven months being well in excess of that of the two previous years. In spite of the fall in the value of metals, which tells against both copper and iron and steel, the section of metals, etc., is kept up by the inclusion of machinery and railway plant, both of which show large monthly arrivals, the excess value of the former for the seven months being some Rs. 43 lakhs, and of the latter Rs. 177 lakhs, the total combined imported value for that period being some Rs 760 lakhs. As an indication of the greater attention now being paid to keeping rolling-stock up to requirements, it may be noted that in 1905, during the seven months the imported value was only Rs. 98 lakhs, in 1906 Rs. 213 lakhs, and this year Rs. 391 lakhs, and yet there is a cry for more wagons on many of the railways. Sugar continues to show a decline as far as the descriptions go, Germany and Austria combined only sending some 800 tons, but at this time of the year imports thence are always slack. During the whole, year however, this trade has been dull, Austria sending only some 18,500 tons as against 38,500 tons last year, the figures for Germany being 3,182 tons and 93,700 tons, respectively. Their place has been well filled by Java, which in October alone sent us 53,146 tons, and in the seven months 162,950 tons, Mauritius being an indifferent second. Sind is the recipient of more than half the best sugar coming into India, growing no crops of her own and finding it the cheapest thing in the market. The trade of Eastern Bengal and Assam is slowly forging ahead, the total import value for the seven months being some Rs. 35 lakhs as against Rs. 26 lakhs last year, but the exports in the same period are only Rs. 175 lakhs against Rs. 199 lakhs, the result of the changed value of jute.

DECENTRALISATION COMMISSION.

Concluding Proceedings at Madras.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, DECEMBER 3.

At yesterday's sitting of the Decentralisation Commission Mr. H. E. Clerk, Acting Chief Engineer to Government, Irrigation Branch, expressed as his opinion that powers might be given Superintending Engineers to sanction schemes up to Rs. 10,000. As regards the delegation of powers he was of opinion that such powers might be delegated on the grounds of experience and ability but not on the grounds of seniority. Witness would look through the rules framed by the Local Government and submit to the Commission a schedule showing in what respects the rigidity of such rules might be modified.

The Commission then examined Venkatapayya Pantulu of Masulipatam who handed over a statement containing the points which he wished to press for the Commissioners' consideration. He advocated the formation of Advisory Councils of 20 to advise not only the Collector but the Executive Engineer, Forest Officer and the Superintendent of Police. He did not agree that District Boards should be abolished. Examined by the Chairman, witness stated that the remission rules at present were rigid, very little discretion being vested with Local Officers thus entailing great hardship. At present remissions were granted only in cases of loss of total crops. He advocated a change in the rules.

R Veerasawmi Iyengar, Landholder, Tanjore, next examined, said that the formation of Village Panchayets was desirable.

The Rev. Dr. Downie of the Telugu Baptist Mission, Nellore, and Khan Bahadur Mahomed Habibulla Saib of Vellore also gave evidence.

At to-day's meeting of the Decentralisation Commission the Honourable Mr. G., S. Forbes, C. S- I, Second Member of the Executive Council, was examined by the Chairman. He said he was in charge of the Local and Municipal portfolios. The Government ef Madras were, in his opinion, not satisfied with the share of revenue allotted them. Means should be found to enable the Local Government to obtain more by way of loans. If the Government of Madras said they wanted a certain sum money for famine expenditure, naturally the Government of India wished to go into the whole question and asked the Madras Government why they wanted money. In his opinion the Provincial Government should be empowered to spend the provincial balance up to a certain limit. The Government of Madras had in recent years delegated large powers to the Director of Public Instruction, to Local and Municipal Bodies, the Board of Revenue and the Collectors. The policy of delegation had been acted upon by the Local Government at different times. The Madras Government proposed to appoint a small Committee to consider the question of further delegation of powers, taking care, at the same time, that this did not lead to any undesirable results. The appointment of this Committee was in noway connected with the Commission.

With regard to the transfer of Officers, he said, these transfers were not now as frequent as they used to be some years back. In the Madras Presidency there was a Delegation Act passed some eight years ago in which fullest powers of delegation were given to Collectors. In all Acts the word "Collector" in that Act did not necessarily mean the District Collector but may mean the Divisional Officer also. At present the Collector had absolute powers of delegation.

With regard to the Members of the Board being given jurisdiction over the whole Presidency and making a tour throughout, in taking the standard of Bombay which roughly was half area and half population, this system would require six members of the Board. As it was the members of the Board of Revenue complained having more work than they could do even with an Additional Member. Witness did not think it would be feasible to have a system under which the scope of the Board of Revenue could be widened so as to include other branches of administration not at present included on their control and to also require them to spend considerable portion of each year in the district.

The Hon. Mr. L. Stokes, C. S. I., First Member of the Executive Council, was examined after the Hon'ble Mr. G. S. Forbes had concluded his evidence.

The Hon'ble Rajah Kollengode, and Hon'ble Mr. Krishnan Nair were present to give evidence but as the Commission had no time to examine these witnesses they only handed in the written statements. This closed the Session of the Commission in Madras.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT SCHOOL, BANDORA.

THE entertainment given last night in connection with St. Joseph's Convent School, Bandora, was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen and was a unique success. His Grace, the Archbishop of Bombay presided on the occasion. Among the various interesting items in the programme, an operetta in four scenes "Princes Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs" was successfully performed by the girls of the Convent. Miss Cahill, as Snowhite and Miss Baker, as the step-mother queen, their respective parts with a natural aptitude and grace which were very much appreciated by the audience, while the Japanese Masquerade performed by the little children of the Orphanage was received with convulsions of laughter. Last night's proceedings were brought to a close after the Revd. Sister in charge of the Convent had read the General Report of the school for the year. The report showed that the number of pupils on the rolls was 796, of these 120 are in the boarding school, 274 day scholars, 331 children in the orphanage and 71 in the village evening school.

The Government Inspectors inspected the European and English-Teaching schools on the 14th and 15th ultimo, and were as equally pleased as in previous years. The reports have not yet been received, but the remarks made on every alternate class from the one last received, together with notes given by the Inspector to the Director of Public Instruction, were that the school-buildings were in their usual excellent condition. A room has been set apart for use as a reading-room for the pupils, which is supplied with periodicals suitable for girls, and a library consisting of works of fiction with general literature attached. The Kindergarten was decidedly improved since last year. It has now the real Kindergarten spirit. A new feature which promises excellent results is the introduction of French nursery rhymes for recitation, the meaning of which is carefully explained in English. Needlework is well taught throughout, and all the work shown was neat and well finished. Discipline and general tone was very good.

The Director of Public Instruction in his report stated "the Bandora Convent European School was inspected by Mr. Covernton and Miss Ashworth, and the Inspector reports that it is the best school of its kind he has ever seen. Of the English-Teaching Schools, the Convent School at Banodra is considered to be remarkable for its organization and discipline." Last year five candidates were sent up for Matriculation, four of whom were successful. The results of this year are not yet published. Thirteen pupils passed the Trinity College examination in music last year, and this year eleven in the different grades, one securing honours. The conduct of the pupils has been very satisfactory, and it is gratifying to see the esteem and attachment in which the teachers are held by their respective scholars. The health of the pupils on the whole has been good throughout the year. Most gratefully do the school authorities offer a return of thanks to Dr. D'Monte, who so readily rendered his services whenever he was called.

The Schools will reopen on Monday the 6th January, 1908.

A SIXTH and considerably enlarged edition of Dr. W. H. Fitchett's "Tale of the Great Mutiny" will be published by Messrs. Smith and Elder. This edition will be of special use to travellers in India, as it includes the articles on the Mutiny cities, Delhi, Cawnpore, and Lucknow, which Dr. Fitchett recently contributed to the "Cornhill." Dr. Fitchett describes these cities as they are at the present day, and supplies much valuable information to intending tourists. The edition also gives permanent form to the "Diary of the Siege of Lucknow" by an Officer's wife, which attracted attention a short time since.

THE COLABA FIRE.

The Engineer's Widow and Orphans.

WE have received the following on behalf of the widow and orphans of the Parsi Engineer, Mr. Gora, who lost his life in the recent fire a Colaba:—

Gaddum & Co.	Rs.	100
H. E. Sir G. Clarke	Rs.	50
Mr. L. M. Wadia (Ahmedabad)	Rs.	50
Mr. Meherali M. Fakira	Rs.	50
Mr. P. F. Fischer	Rs.	25
Messrs. Jaffer Joosab and Co	Rs.	25
Messrs Khambatta & Co	Rs.	25
The Staff of All-India United Insurance Co. Ltd	Rs.	22
Mr. E. F. Allum	Rs.	20
Mr. A. P. Pooley	Rs.	5

JUDICIAL AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS.

Scheme for Separation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, DECEMBER 3.

The statement in a recent London telegram that Mr. Morley had actually sanctioned the scheme for the separation of Judicial and Executive functions in certain selected districts seems somewhat premature.

The Secretary of State has certainly agreed to the main principle, but the scheme, as drafted by the Government of India, has yet to be sent Home after the opinions of Local Governments upon it have been received.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

The B. Sc. Examination.

The results of the examination for the B. Sc. degree were announced yesterday. The following candidates have passed :—

SECOND CLASS.

Cornelius, Stephen A — Naik, Kuverji Gosai
Engineer, Ferbanoo Bomanji — Pandya, Manu Chandravidyanand
Gimi, Erachshaw Bamanji — Parekh, Mulchand Uttamchand
Mehta, Thakorlal Balkrishnadas — Sanjana, Kaikobad Sorabji

PASS CLASS.

Prabhakar, Moreshwar Govindrao — Govinda Pillai, Kesava

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 3.

The depression in the South of the Bay has developed into a cyclonic storm in the centre about two hundred miles west north-west of Port Blair.

The area of low pressure in the north of Burma caused general light to moderately heavy rain in the northern half of the province and a few falls occurred in Eastern Bengal and Assam.

In the north-east of India, the skies have in a great measure cleared, and the temperature now is being affected by a cold wave in the rear of the last depression. The temperature now is normal or in defect there as well as in the United Provinces and the central parts of the country.

The cold weather depression from Persia is giving very light cloud in the Indus valley.

In Burma nearly general rain has fallen in the northern half of Burma and the principal amounts are —Lashio 2 inches, Maymyo 1 1/2, and Bhamo 1 inch. Cloud has increased and the skies are almost completely overcast except in Tenasserim. Humidity has increased and is now normal or in excess while the temperature has fallen in Upper Burma but is still in excess at some stations in the Province.

In the north-east of India and Orissa, Chittagong, Silchar and Sibsagar had light falls of rain. The skies have cleared except in Orissa and Assam. The air has become drier and contains considerably less than the average quantity of moisture except in the submontane districts where the temperature has fallen and is now normal or in defect.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces the skies are free from cloud and humidity is in large defect. In the United Provinces it is normal or in slight defect. In Central India and the Central Provinces the temperature has fallen and is now in general defect especially in the Central Provinces and Central India.

In the north-west of India, the skies are lightly clouded in the North-west Frontier Province and the Punjab but clear in the rest of the division. The air is considerably drier than usual except in Sind where the amount of moisture in the air has increased and is now above the average. The temperature has risen and is now normal except at some stations in the extreme east of the division where it is still in defect.

In the Peninsula, cloud has decreased and the skies are only lightly clouded in Madras and clear in the remainder of the Peninsula. Humidity is nearly normal on the south of India and Konkan and in defect elsewhere where the temperature has fallen very rapidly on the Deccan and is now nearly normal everywhere.

Forecast—Fairly general rain is probable in Burma.

BOMBAY DAILY WEATHER REPORT FOR THE 3RD DECEMBER.

Summary of observations recorded at 8 hours on Tuesday, the 3rd December, giving data for the preceding 24 hours.

Punjab.—Skies are clear or only lightly clouded and humidity is much less than normal. Calms and westerly or north-westerly winds prevail generally. Maximum temperature was 2° warmer than usual at Rawalpindi and 1° to 3° cooler at Sirsa, Ambala and Delhi. Minimum temperature was 1° warmer at Sirsa and 2° to 4° cooler at Rawalpindi, Ambala and Delhi.

United Provinces.—Skies are clear and the air is drier than usual through out the district. The direction of air movement is south-easterly at Mainpuri and south-westerly in other places. Minimum was 4° to cooler at Mainpuri but elsewhere temperature both during day and night was cooler than usual.

Sind and Rajputana.—Skies are almost clear and the air was moderately damper than usual in Sind and considerably drier in Rajputana. Wind direction was calm at Jacobabad and Ajmer while winds were blowing from north-easterly direction at Jaipur and from north-westerly direction at Karachi. Maximum temperature differed but slightly from normal while the night temperature was from 3° to 6° cooler both in Sind and Rajputana.

Gujarat, Kathiawar and Central India West.—Skies are clear and the air is drier than usual throughout these districts. Wind was north-westerly at Bhavnagar Para while calms and north-easterly breezes prevailed elsewhere. Both day and night temperatures were cooler than usual.

Central Provinces.—Skies are clear and the air contains more than the usual quantity of moisture at Hoshangabad and generally less than usual in other places. Winds are southerly or south-easterly at Jubbulpore and Khandwa and westerly or north-westerly at Raipur, Nagpur and Amraoti, Saugor, Hoshadgabad and Akola recorded calm. Weather both during the day and night time was cooler than usual throughout the district.

Konkan.—Skies are clear and the moisture in the atmosphere is much less than usual at Mormugao and slightly in excess elsewhere. Wind was northerly at Karwar and esterly at the remaining stations. Maximum temperature was 4° to 6° higher at Ratnagiri and Mormugao but the minimum was 1° cooler at Ratnagiri and 3 to 7° hotter at Mormugao and Karwar.

Bombay Deccan and Hyderabad.—Skies are clear and humidity is considerably below normal throughout the district. Winds are blowing from south-westerly direction at Malegaon, while calms and north-easterly winds prevail generally elsewhere. The day temperature was 2° hotter than usual at Bijapur and Belgaum, while elsewhere both the temperatures were either nearly equal to average or 1° to 9° below normal.

General Remarks.—An area of abnormally low pressure lies on and off the Coromandel Coast and also at Bangalore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and at stations on the Malabar Coast where weather seems to be in a slightly unsettled condition.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

SPORTING NEWS.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The following Handicap Races will be sailed on Saturday, 7th December :—

A Class Handicap.—Start at 3-30 p. m. Course No. 29+35, length 11·75 miles.

B Class Handicap.—Start at 3-35 p. m. Course No. 35+2 length 9·25 miles.

C Class Handicap.—Start at 3-40 p. m. Course No. 35+2, length 9·25 miles.

D Class Handicap.—Start at 3-45 p. m. Course No. 35, length 7·35 miles.

Ships Boat (service rig) Race.—Start at 3-25 p. m. Course No. 39, length 7·85 miles.

Note.—Only fore and aft Canvas allowed in D Class.

FIAT AGAINST BOOK-MAKERS.

Calcutta Stewards' Action.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 3.

The large clientele in Bombay and Upper India of Charles Hardinge, Book-maker, will be concerned to learn that the Stewards of the Calcutta Turf Club have refused him, among other leading men, permission to bet at the races here.

A very largely and influentially signed appeal, addressed to the Stewards asking for a re-consideration of their decision in the interests of the betting public, has been rejected. The Stewards vouchsafe no reason for their action nor for their strange selection of a lot of small Book-makers to cope with the large business of the Calcutta season. These men mostly confine themselves to copying the prices of the leading Book-maker and may be seen at any time during betting with field glasses studying Brittain's Board.

There are numerous complaints that last Saturday these men refused to accept bets involving moderate sums cutting down the proposed amounts to contemptible figures. Is it any wonder then that there is no market on the Viceroy's Cup and only one man is quoting prohibitive prices.

Harding, nevertheless, proposes to open book on the principal races at Calcutta for his up-country clients.

C. D. ACT FOR RANGOON.

Reimposition Sought.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON DECEMBER 3.

The Municipal Committee have adopted the following resolution in view of the terrible and ever increasing consequences of contagious diseases :—

"The C. D. Act should be re-imposed with the proviso that female medical practitioners only should be employed in carrying out the provisions of the Act; that the Rangoon Police Act should be altered by adding after the words "public place" the words "within 150 feet of 100 foot street;" that the space alloted in the centre of the town for these houses should be enlarged or, in the alternative, that they be removed to a spot outside the town and finally that the Police Act be amended on the lines of the English Vagrancy Act."

BISHOP WELLDON, Dean of Manchester, in opening a Jewish bazaar at Manchester, said he could never have resisted the appeal of Mrs. Frankenburg (Mayoress of Salford) that he should inaugurate the proceedings. "If the mayoress had asked me to stand on my head I believe I should have endeavoured to do so," he added; "not, of course, in the hope of success, but because it might increase the attendance at the bazaar."

WHERE BILE RUNS RIOT.

INDIA'S GREAT AILMENT.

Bile Beans a Greater Remedy.

"India is a place where Bile runs riot, owing to the fact that the people take very little exercise." This statement, made by an eminent official, will be readily confirmed by all who live in India. Biliousness from which few people are entirely free is an ailment which should be treated very seriously. The poison arising from Bile in the system affects not only the stomach, heart and lungs, but even the brain. Yet the remedy is very simple. Bile Beans—a medicine unique because it is composed entirely of vegetable substances,—cures in nature's own way by removing all bile from the system through the ordinary channels. Proof is better than mere assertion. Here you have it. Mrs. Pearson, of Trafalgar Street, Bury New Road, Manchester, made this statement to a Newspaper reporter :—

"From a chill I have been subject to biliousness and sick headache. Indeed it may almost be said that I inherited these dreadful maladies, for my mother was afflicted with them even to a greater extent. They began with a sensation of dryness in the throat. This would be followed by retching and sickness, which persisted for so long that often I felt sore all over. When an attack came on I could not get ease, no matter how I tried, and sometimes, although unable to stand, to lie down was misery. I tried every remedy that anyone told me of, but if I got any relief from one or two of them at first, a few days after I found I received no permanent relief from any of them. One day, on my husband's advice, I got a box of Bile Beans, and the effect of even the first box was very gratifying. I continued with this remedy, and as I did, the dryness in the throat seemed to pass away, as well as the uncomfortable fulness in the stomach, and the dimness of sight. After taking a thorough course of Bile Beans I found myself quite cured. I have told my mother of the remedy, and she also has derived great benefit from the use of Bile Beans. I am very pleased to bear testimony to the benefit I have derived, and to recommend Bile Beans to other sufferers."

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A free sample of Bile Beans will be sent to all readers who cut out this coupon and forward it together with one anna stamp to the Bile Beans Mfg. Co.'s Head Indian Depot, 9 Dalhousie Square, Calcutta.

Write address clearly.

"Bombay Gazette," 4th Dec. 1907.

Bile Beans.

BY THE WAY.

THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH'S DUES.

Early on November 11, there assembled, according to annual custom, a body of sturdy antiquarians. journeying to take part in the old ceremony of collecting wroth silver for the Duke of Buccleuch, at Knightlow Hill, Warwickshire. There is a stone trough beneath a clump of fir-trees, and thither goes the Duke's agent with his "charter of assembly," which he reads, and demands as much as nine shillings from twenty-seven parishes round about, "due and payable," he says, "to his Grace." And people pay, not always a parish, but some person, and then the agent walks off to a neighbouring hostelry, where he says the Duke will pay for twenty breakfasts, which means that the cost of everybody's meal is shared by ducal liberality. Many of the country folk "make a day of it."

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Sir Charles Tupper, who has been made a Privy Councillor, preceded Sir Wilfrid Laurier as Prime Minister of Canada. His Government and the Canadian Conservative Party came to grief eleven years ago, over the Manitoban school question. Under the leadership of Sir John A. Macdonald, the Canadian Conservative Party made Protection the foremost plank of its platform. Sir Charles Tupper is an ardent Protectionist and Tariff Reformer. Both he and his son, Sir Hibbert Tupper, have been out of the Canadian Parliament for some years. Sir Charles Tupper, who is far advanced in the eighties, is the last of the "Fathers of the Confederation," or the founders of the Dominion.

A LEAFY MARTINMAS.

Surely seldom, if ever, has there been so leafy a Martinmas at Home as the present. In spite of the heavy rains and gales of October the trees as yet are in ample leaf, the hawthorns in the hedges still green in contrast to the crimson elders and flaming maples, and the beechwoods one blaze of colour. It is an ideal St. Martin's summer. Day follows day of calm, morning dews and silvery mists gradually yielding to golden shunshine, with still afternoons and glowing sunsets. The Southern Counties just now are a paradise for motorist or cyclist—roads like velvet without a particle of dust; and instead of the whitened hedgerows these are now one succession of constantly shifting autumn tints with the brilliant woodlands beyond.

A BLACK MONDAY.

It is fifty years ago—since the Western Bank of Scotland closed its doors on Monday. The failure of four firms that owed the bank no less a sum than £1,603,728 and of an American firm that owed £376,520 hastened, the "Glasgow News" recalls, the downfall of the "Western," which had an authorised capital of £4,000.000 in 20,000 shares of £200 each. The bank at the time of the failure was to all appearance doing an excellent and profitable business. The liabilities, when the affairs were wound up, were found to be £6,360,170 and the assets £5,049,959, leaving a deficit of £1,310,211—a small sum as compared with the City of Glasgow Bank's failure, in 1878, which on investigation showed the loss to amount to £5,190,983, to which fell to be added the capital of £1,000,000.

THE DECLINE IN SHIPBUILDING.

The quarterly shipbuilding returns issued by Lloyd's Register do more, the "Mariner" points out, than corroborate the reports of the now prevalent slackness in the shipyards. The Belfast and Barrow districts are still well supplied with work—i. e., in comparison with the corresponding period of last year—but on the Clyde the slump is very evident. On September 30 last the vessels under construction on that estuary numbered 129, representing a gross tonnage of 366,356 tons; at the same date last year there were 179 vessels of 515,241 tons on the ways. In other words, there has been in a year's time a drop of fifty vessels, representing 148,885 tons.

THE NORTH-EAST COAST.

On the North-East Coast the tale is the same; on the Tyne a decrease of over 21,000 tons—not a serious decrease, it must be admitted; at the Hartlepools a decrease of over 6,000 tons, and on the Wear a heavy decrease of 64,000 tons. The Tees alone shows a slight increase of about 6,500 tons; but all over it is apparent that work is not nearly so plantiful as it was. All this merely expresses in figures what individual firms have known for quite a considerable period. But our shipping contemporary feels confident that the check is merely temporary in effect.

LESS BRAIN, MORE INTELLIGENCE ?

Sir Richard Powell, in the course of a recent address on "Some of the Advances of Modern Medicine," reported in the "Lancet," refers to a story now current in professional circles "that a wellknown surgeon once trephined an officer after a hunting accident, and deprived him of so much brain tissue that he felt the greatest uneasiness as to the consequences to his patient. He, however, met the gallant gentleman some years later on foreign service, never better in his life, and in command of the Intelligence Department !"

CITY HOSPITALITY.

The City's reception of the German Emperor and Empress was on a scale of exceptional grandeur; but it is doubtful whether its cost will establish a new record of prodigal hospitality. The visit of the Sultan to the City forty years ago entailed an expense of £24,613; the Shah of Persia was entertained by the City Fathers six years later at a cost of £16,407; and on the visit of the Czar in 1874, £13,847 was spent. More lavish still were the entertainments given in 1876 in honour of the Prince of Wales's return from India, on which the Lord Mayor and Corporation spent no less than £27,579 11s. 10d. But City hospitality is not always by any means on such a grandiose scale, for the King of Greece was welcomed in 1880 for the relatively modest sum of £2,551; General Grant, in 1877, for £1,876; Mr. Gladstone, in 1881, for £1,720; and even the Shah himself, in 1889, for £2,048. George II. must surely have been one of the City's cheapest guests; for his entertainment in 1727 was paid for by a quite contemptible £37 13s.

HUSTLING METHODS IN THE EAST.

A Manchester business house forwards us a specimen of Indian correspondence :—

Dear sirs

As I. intend to traffic. with you. If you want to buy wool of camels, powder of ivory and lacs and bones I will supply you all these things. By what prices do you want to buy one Ratal of each article? If you keep all these articles or one article, by which way do you want to give me money ?

I have written all the facilities of meney.

The facilities of money are as follows.

I hope that you will send me money from people's bank or Bombay bank. When I will give all the articles to Bank afterwards I will take money from Bank.

you should do such arrangement for me.

By this way we can give money freely to merchants.

I hope that you will give me answer with explanations.

Awaiting to hear further good news from you soon.

yours faithfully

TWO BALLIOL SCHOLARS.

The monument to Lord St. Helier in the Law Courts, removed to correct some inaccuracy of inscription and now about to be finally reinstated, will (writes a correspondent) bring back to some veterans a memorable scene in the College Hall at Balliol almost half a century ago:—Francis H. Jeune and Matthew White Ridley were contemporaries at Harrow and Oxford. In 1861 both of them stood for the Balliol Scholarship; Ridley was successful. His brilliant schoolfellow was known to be not long behind; his success was looked upon as certain in the nearest future. Accordingly, at the close of the scholarship examination in 1862, most of the Harrovians in the University had collected in the Balliol Hall to know the result. Amid profound silence, broken by fitful attempts at a cheer, presently appeared the commanding figure of Henry Smith, then the Dean of College. The honours of the year had been won by F. H. Jeune and F. Paravicini, from Marlborough. The latter is still a Balliol tutor, and one of the best teachers of composition in the University. Before starting at the Bar and winning his way to wealth by Parliamentary practice, Lord St. Helier went to apprenticeship in the office of Messrs. Baxter, Rose, and Norton, of Victoria-Street, whose head partner was then Disraeli's friend and future executor, Mr. Philip Rose, the undoubted original of Mr. Putney Giles in "Lothair"

SEARCHING FOR ALLITERATION.

In the "Ring of the Niblungs" the search for alliterative words, as well as a deliberate cult of mistiness, forced Wagner to twist the German language as no other German writer except Goethe in the second part of "Faust" has dared to do, not to speak of self-invented words, such as "Waldweben," which the lexicographers will not recognise. Here is a close translation of a passage, imitating the alliterative verse of the original :—

Gold I gather and guard,
Nestled in nether night!
Ye welkin-wafted gods
That live, laugh, and love in the light,
I with a golden hand
Will haul you down from the heights!
As I relinquished love,
All that liveth shall ye;
But, with the hoard
In the hollows heaped,
I the wonder will work,
Win me the whole of the world.
Greedy of glitter of gold,
Only for gold shall ye gasp!
On rapturous ramparts ye,
Rocking your revelling selves,
Ever the dark dwarf disdain.
Ware of the men of the mist
When mounteth the hoard of the dwarfs
From the silent deeps to the day.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

FRENCH FASHIONS.

The season has now come when the fashions of winter have their full triumph, and the dressmakers enjoy their hour of splendour. Women are devoting their whole attention to their attire for the cold season, and nothing can turn their minds from it. Fashion has decreed that this winter costumes are to be extremely tight-fitting. So narrow and tight-fitting are they that many dressmakers advise their fair clients to discard petticoats altogether, and to content themselves with silken combinations, in order that the full elegance of their robes, as well as of their own figures, may be fully disclosed. At first writes our Paris Correspondent these "costume collants" were regarded with considerable distrust by ladies, who hesitated to venture themselves into garments as tight-fitting as a scabbard for a sword. This feeling has, however, worn away; the "robe collante" is now a decided and accepted fact and even those who will not accept it in its entirety adopt it in principle and in part.

DRESSES AT THE PLAY.

The Gymnase Theatre, with the new piece of MM. de Flers and Caillavet. "L'Eventail," has shown us many exquisite toilettes which epitomise the latest developments of la mode. Madame Lender, notably, is particularly well-dressed. One of her most stylish costumes is in old-blue meteor satin. This satin, by the way, soft and supple like Liberty, with beautiful scintillating reflections, is one of the successes of the year. The robe to which I refer has a tulle skirt in the same shade of blue relieved with large bands of satin, the lowest one being cut broader than the others. The bodice is entirely of net lace, embroidered with golden silk. This net-lace descends on the fore-part of the skirt in pinafore fashion. The chic of this dress is beyond all praise. Accompanying it is a hat of blue felt, trimmed with ribbon, and with a light-hued veil falling around it. Another dress is of the same kind of satin, but of rose-colour, surmounted by a wide and transparent tunic of chestnut tulle, of which all the seams are embroidered with silver. The hat is quite a curiosity. It is of chestnut straw, lined with cherry-coloured taffeta, and trimmed with many aigrettes of chestnut-hued herons; which rise from a fanciful squirrel made of feathers. Quite comical looks this little animal, faithfully reproduced in feathers instead of in fur, and the effect is undoubtedly original.

SOME DISTINCTIVE DRESSES.

Mlle. Heller's dresses are equally pretty, and have a special mark of distinction. The one she wears in the first act is of pleated tulle and muslin, of pastelmauve colour, and trimmed with puce-coloured ribbons of various shades. The corsage, which is in harmony with the skirt, has a small collar of Irish lace relieved with touches of taffeta. In the second act she has a costume of banana-coloured silk cashmere. The skirt forms also a tunic, and is trimmed with tulle and different laces, while the bodice of draped cashmere has sleeves of tulle and lace in consonance with the skirt. This dress is embroidered with silver, which gives it quite a brilliant appearance. Later still she wears a robe of silk and golden tulle, of exceedingly rich effect, trimmed with golden silk lace and metallic ribbon. The bodice of similar silk and similar lace, is very original, and the draped belt is of green and yellow glace silk. It falls into two ends which are decked buckles of gold. And finally, in the last act, she appears in an elegant loose jacket of ecru tussore, embroidered in the same tone. The skirt, of corslet shape, is pleated, and the vest is of lingerie.

SOME OTHER NOVELTIES.

I must further cite among the toilettes which merit attention those of Mlle. Felyne—one in white net embroidered with white silk, and the other of white silk, also embellished with embroidery. A vest of cherry coloured Liberty, draped and ruffled with lace, gave a delightfully vivid contrast to all this white. Mlle. Mennier is exquisitely dressed in spotted silk, and the tunic-formed skirt is trimmed with incrusted guipure. The bodice is of tulle and guipure, with a belt of white Liberty, and the chemisette is flicked here and there with rose. Mlle. Nory, who plays in "L'Eventail" the the part of a young girl, wears very fresh and graceful costumes, which might well serve as models to young ladies about to make their debut into society. One is of cheery-hued crepe de Chine, pleated on corsage and jupe alike, the latter being trimmed at the foot with a Greek design embroidered on red tulle, relieved with a band of blue Liberty with silver embroidery.

These details will give some idea of the most interesting novelties. The embroidered net, in shades of yellow, which figures in the dresses of Mdlle. Lender is a splendid innovation. One of the most fashionable dressmakers in the Rue de la Paix is largely employing this net lace for blouses, embroidering them with silk in the colour of the dress. This makes an exquisite and most harmonious arrangement. For example, on a green dress the net-lace of the blouse would be embroidered with green while on a blue one it would be embroidered in blue—and so on. Nothing could be prettier than this unity of colour showing on the white.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr T W Richardson, I C S, Barrister at-Law, Officiating Secretary to the Govt of India in the Legislative Dept, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal, with effect from the 9th Dec or the subsequent date on which he may be relieved of his duties.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr R N Thorpe, Deputy Magte and Deputy Collr, Monghyr, and of Mr W J H Ballantine, substantive pro tempore Deputy Magte and Deputy Collr, Howrah, are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Eastern Bengal and Assam.

Capt C W F Melville, M B, I M S, is appointed to officiate as Professor of Anatomy, Lahore Medical College with effect from the 12th Oct, during the absence on furlough of Major J C Lamont, M B, I M S (Bengal), or until further orders.

The services of Capt W L Trafford, M B, I M S, are replaced at the disposal of H E the Com-in-Cf in India.

Capt S R Christophers, M B, I M S, Supdt, King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Madras, is placed on special duty under the orders of the Sanitary Comr with the Govt of India, with effect from the 1st Dec.

The services of Capt W S Patton, M B, I M S, are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Madras.

Mr W M Saunders to be a Notary Public and to exercise his functions as such in Simla.

The Rev C A Mason, a Senior Chaplain on the Bengal (Lucknow) Ecclesiastical Establishment, is permitted to retire from the service, with effect from the 30th Jan.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

The following officers have been appointed Asst Supdts 2nd grade, Survey of India, with effect from the dates noted against their names:—Lieut C G Lewis, R E, 6th Nov, and Lieut C M Thompson, I A, (on probation) 1st November.

The services of Mr T F Main, B Sc, (Edinburg), Asst Inspector Genl of Agriculture in India in the Imperial Dept of Agriculture, are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay for employment in the Local Agricultural Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr J Begg, Consulting Architect to the Govt of Bombay, is placed on deputation with the Govt of India in the P W Dept, with effect from the 1st Nov.

Mr D K Macdonald, Exe Engr, 2nd grade, Burma, is permitted to retire from the service, with effect from the 31st Dec.

Mr A J Wadley, Exe Engr, 1st grade, Punjab, officiated as a Supding Engr in addition to his own duties from the 3rd to the 7th Nov, both days inclusive.

Mr R E Purves, Exe Engr, 1st grade, Punjab, is appointed to officiate as a Supding Engr with effect from the 8th Nov and until further orders.

Mr H H Green, Exe Engr, 1st grade, Bengal, is appointed to officiate as a Supding Engr, with effect from the 20th Nov and untill further orders.

ARMY DEPARTMENT.

Captains to be Majors.—H S Garratt, 103rd Mahratta Light Infy: G M Rolland, V C, The 101st Grenadiers; C L Gregory, 19th Lancers (Fane's Horse); B O Roe, Supernumerary List; J H Lloyd, 6th Gurkha Rifles; C R Johnson, 5th Gurkha Rifles (Frontier Force); L T May, 5th Cavalry; J R Kennedy, 96th Berar Infy; H G P Beville, Supply and Transport Corps, 9th Nov. T G P Lawrenson, 66th Punjabis, 27th Nov.

Lieut to be Capt.—H T Skinner, 29th Punjabis, 23rd November.

THE Bishop of Grantham, in distributing prizes at a local technical institute, said: "If I were only younger and only had the time, I should enter as a student in the evening classes. If there is anything I should like to be able to do, it is a little carpentering. I have had that ambition all my life. I can hardly hit a nail without hitting my thumb. Yet I have always had a sort of conceit that I should make a most excellent cabinet maker."

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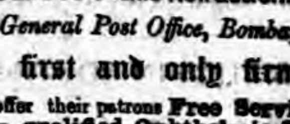
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BOOKS AND BOOKMEN.

M. Charles Le Goffic has taken the public into his confidence on the subject of a hoax which he once played on Francisque Sarcey on the subject of "the intercalary letter." The letter in question is that "t" which the third person singular of some tenses of the verb take when used interrogatively. It is dear to the heart of the etymologist as an atavistic mark of the Latin descent of the French language. Sarcey was credited with having advocated its extension. If one writes "aime-t-il," he argued, why not "ma-t-amie" rather than "mon amie," which is a solecism in gender and a sin against euphony? The suggestion created much derision, and it was pointed out that at no stage in the development of the French language had any such usage prevailed. But it especially tickled three young men who were rusticating in a little village in the heart of Brittany, one of them being M. Le Goffic. They accordingly set themselves to humour Sarcey. They wrote him a letter as from the municipal librarian of Lamballe, "diplomaed archivist, and formerly a member of the Ecole des Chartes," stating that on tomb of the bard Merlin, in the crypt of one of the churches of Lamballe, there was an inscription, and in the inscription, where there was mention of Excalibur, the sword was spoken of not as "Monespee" but as "ma-t-espee." Sarcey swallowed the bolus without chewing it, and, thus fortified, returned to the subject in the columns of "Le Temps." Disillusion quickly followed, and while it was being brought home to him that there was no tomb of Merlin at Lamballe, no municipal library, no diplomaed archivist, three young men were smoking their pipes and chuckling luxuriously over the perpetration of a successful hoax. Now one must lay one's count with this chuckle in the history of literature. Literature is full of mystifications, and although some of them were no doubt designed with a view to personal gain, yet the only explanation that can be given of the existence of others is that their authors mystified for the sheer of love mystifying.

SOME WELL-KNOWN MYSTERIES.

On this side of the streak we associate mystification with such names as Chatterton, Macpherson, Ireland, or William Sharp. On the French side it is almost a "genre." One who turns over the pages of the two big volumes of Querard's "Supercheries Litteraires" is astonished at the number of the attempts and the labour and ingenuity that have gone into them. Moreover, they did not cease with those volumes, but enough have accumulated since to furnish forth a fair-sized third volume. The well-known "Barzaz Breiz" is an instance, although many a British tourist has trudged through Brittany with that volume in his knapsack convinced that in the snatches of folksong which Villemarque said that he had collected among the peasantry of his native province he came nearer to the soul of the Breton people than in any other way. M. Le Goffic touches also on Prosper Merimee's "Guzla," but does not tell in full a story which is nevertheless well worth telling. It is this: Merimee and a friend wished to travel in Illyria in order to write a book of travels. They lacked, however, the sinews of war, so the brilliant idea struck them that they might write the book of travels first and the on proceeds of the sale visit Illyria and see how far their preconceptions tallied with the actuality. Merimee was to write the poetry, and so with the aid of an old Gazetteer, a book of travels Dalmatia, and some half-dozen Slavonic words, he wrote in a fortnight a collection of "Illyrian" ballads. They were well received abroad. Pushkin translated a selection into Russian, and a German, Gerhardt, translated the book into German, and that in the "original" metres, which, the shrewd Teuton declared, he could divine through Merimee's prose. One voice only seems to have challenged the authenticity of the ballads, and that was Goethe's. He did so, he alleged, on the ground that the word "Guzla" resembled "Gazul" a name which occurred in the title of another hoax of Merimee's. His real ground, however, was different. A letter of Merimee's exists showing that on the publication of the book the author had sent a copy to the Jove of Weimar, and therewith a covering letter in which he told him the whole secret. Some critics put the "Guzla" very high. M. Filon says that "never at any epoch of his life, whether before or after, did he have so much imagination as in those pretended Illyrian ballads." Merimee himself, however, writing at a later time, took a different view. He was a candidate for the Academy, and finding it desirable, as far as possible to dissociate himself from the Romantic movement, to which he had at first belonged, he declared that he had written the ballads to deride the Romanticists and to show them how easy it was to produce the "local colour" by which they laid such store.

A FIND IN CHAP-BOOKS.

In a collection of chap-books recently discovered, many of them freely reduced and transcribed from Daniel Defoe, was one, the "Life of Charles XII., King of Sweden," which may claim a kind of notoriety. It is probably the only chap-book that has helped to inspirit a man who, Defoe-like, went to prison for his principles, and from infamous became famous. For undoubtedly this is a copy of that very chap book that the Right Hon. John Burns meant when he spoke once of having bought one when a boy "for a penny in the New Cut." He took it home and fairly devoured it; and Charles XII. became his hero, and gave him his new impulse and a hard, Spartan idea of life. Now the natural presumption is that since Defoe wrote a Life of Charles XII. anonymously a few years before this chap-book was written, and since Moll of Flanders and a miniature Robinson Crusoe are in the same chap-book bundle, this Life of the King of Sweden was borrowed from his work. There are phrases in the chap-book, too, that are very much above the common walk of such minuscular street prose. But a closer examination of the two proves that they are different in treatment, detail, phrase, everywhere. Where, then, can the chap-book author have got his material and his casual and occasional air of literary breeding? A further search sends one to another Life of Charles XII., published a few years before Defoe's, that is to say Voltaire's. It was translated into pretty idiomatic English by Andrew Henderson, who quarrelled with Dr. Johnson and other formidable people later in his career; and it was Henderson's first publication. On comparing his opening pages with the chap-book, the relation between the two is clearly to be seen. There the inquiry into the pedigree of a chap-book may seem to end. But a further fact emerges about Henderson which serves to connect the New Cut with Westminster. Some of his later books were sold by a bookseller of the same surname, who was presumably his son, and who sold books in Westminster Hall. That being so, as Mr. H. R. Tedder once pointed out, the following reference in "The Pettifoggers" seems to point to the translator of Voltaire. It speaks of a group of Westminster boys playing fives there, which "makes Henderson the studious damn their eyes when battering down the plasters from the wall."

AN ADVENTUROUS LADY.

A Woman's Trek from the Cape to Cairo gives a pleasant, very readable account of the first journey across the great African lake country ever done by a woman. And this woman was alone among native porters and native tribes. Starting from Chinde, at the Zambesi mouth, in April, 1905, she traversed British Central Africa, German East Africa, British East Africa, Uganda and the Soudan, the route taken involving passage through and between Lakes Nyassa, Sanganyika, Victoria and Albert Nyanza, to Gondokoro, on the Upper Nile. This was reached in January, 1906. The most adventurous part of the journey was the three to four hundred miles of uncivilised country between Usumbora, on Lake Tanganyika, and Bukoba, on Victoria Nyanza. This was done, with a caravan of forty-two blacks, in about a month of constant travelling. Miss Hall makes light of lions and leopards, as also of the more certain dangers of fever and ague. There is, at any rate, no mention of even a day's sickness of herself, her bearers, or guides. She did not, like Lady Cecily Waynflete, "live with six cannibal chiefs," but she did vanquish utterly by gentle methods a veritable chief, "sultan" clad in grass, and turned what threatened to be a deadly adventure into a friendly meeting. Everywhere she made friends, and not only with the natives. The best accommodation at resthouses and the captain's cabin on steamers were always hers. Especially well treated was she by the German officials at Usumbora and elsewhere. The author's photographs are clear, and they illustrate well the native live seen. A few more dates and a complete map would help to visualise the journey. And why does Miss Hall (like most of her countrymen and women) fail to distinguish between Johnston and Johnson? Fort Johnston was named after a living explorer.

SAVONAROLA LETTERS.

In Mowbray's little "Devotional Library" has been issued a short selection from the Spiritual and Ascetic Letters of Savonarola, very well chosen and translated. The letters are striking in their austere fashion—breathing courage and staunchness, and making no terms with weakness,—though Savonarola was not one of the great letter-writers among holy men. Now and then we meet with vivid passages, as that, for instance, which describes such as have left the world only to be frivolous in the cloister: "The greatness and refinement of the world they treat with rare disdain and will have none of them, and yet afterwards, in religion, they entangle their hearts in the pettiest details—to wit, in the elegancies of the cloister, a snarier or a new tunic, a neater breviary, a polished little knife or a pair of scissors, or any one of the thousand such trifles that for the most part hinder the peace and purity of the mind." The excellent translation has been made by the Rev. Watkin Williams. Yet his name is only given at the tail-end of the preface, not on the title-page, where appear those of the general editor of the series, R. W. Randolph, and of Canon Scott Holland, who write for the little volume two pleasant but quite superfluous forewords.

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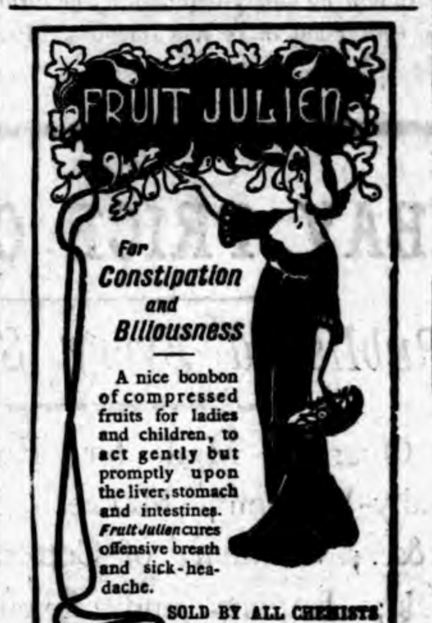
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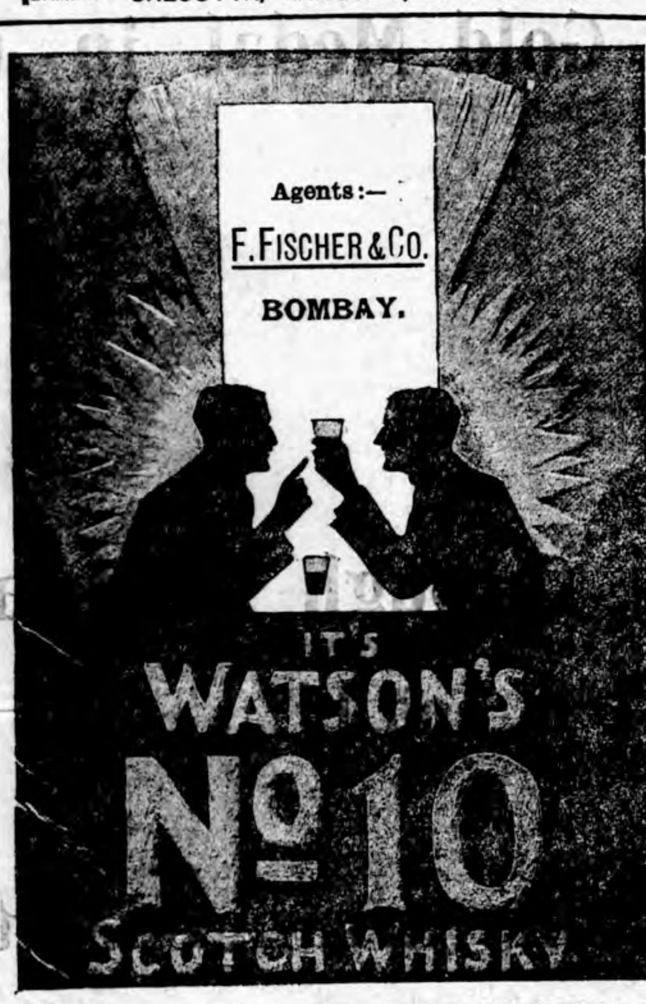
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